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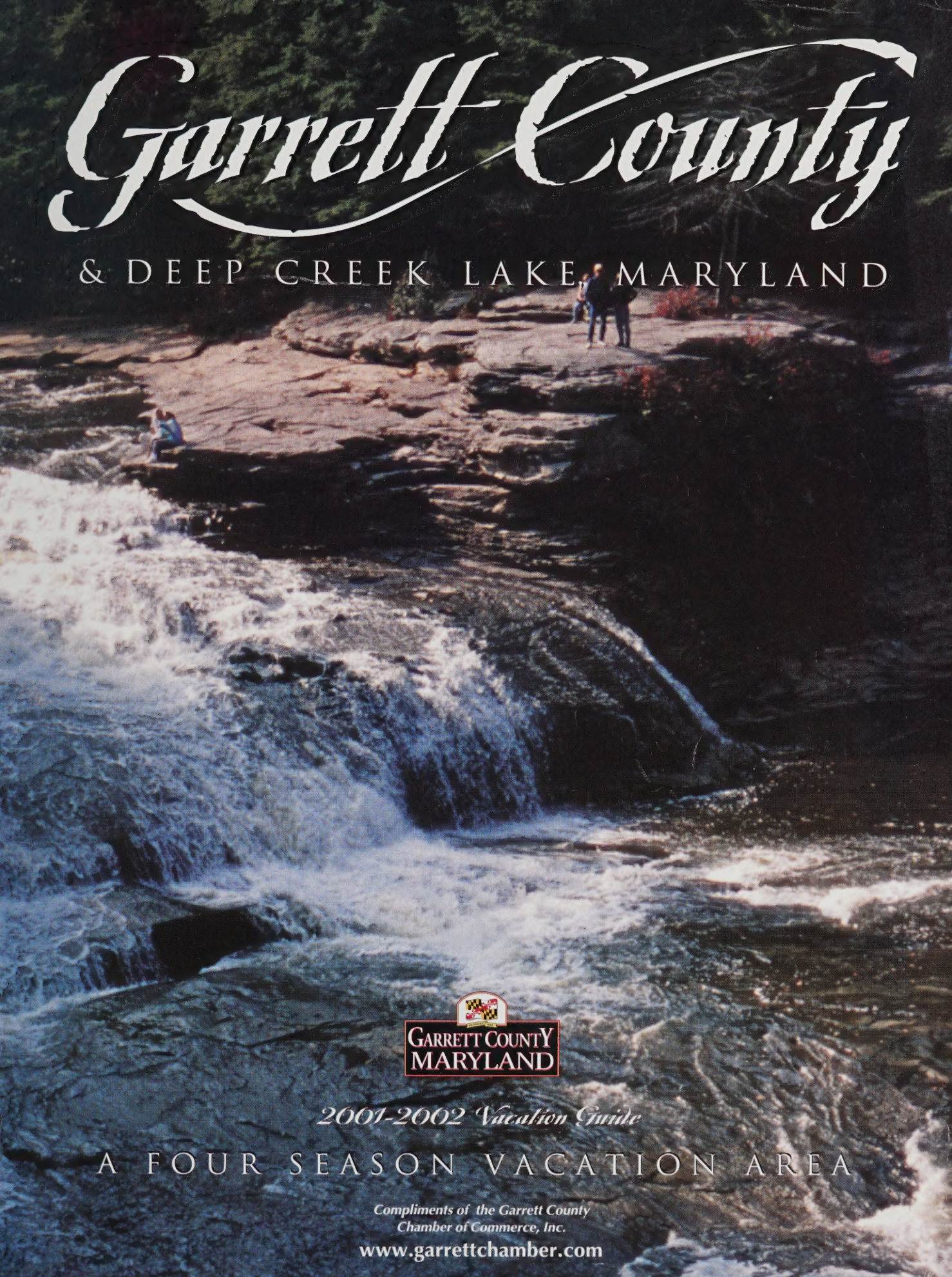

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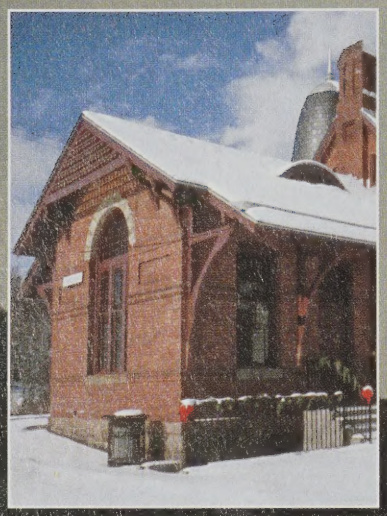

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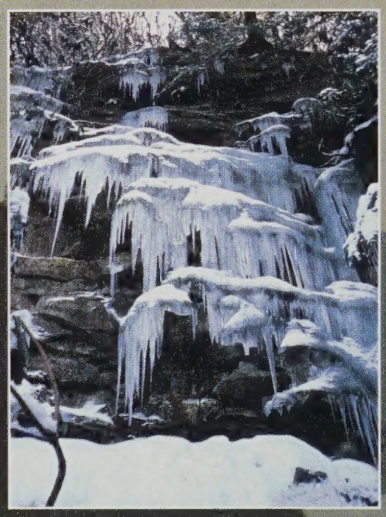

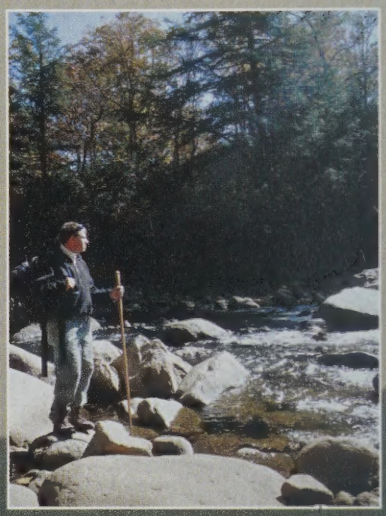

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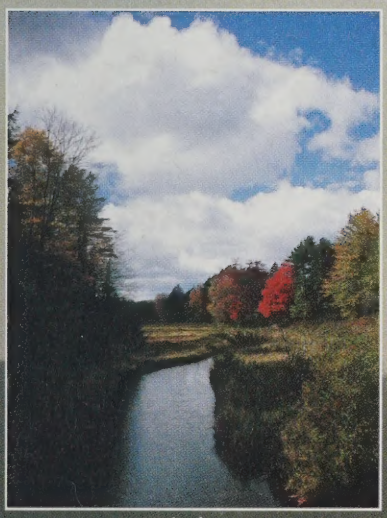

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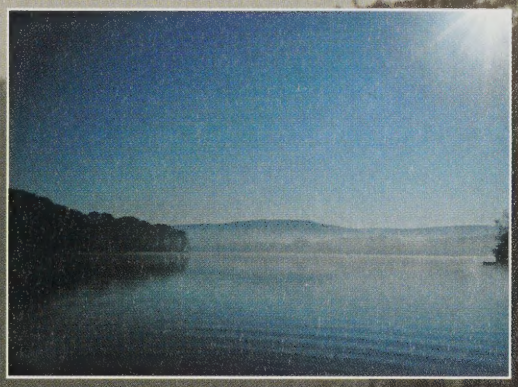

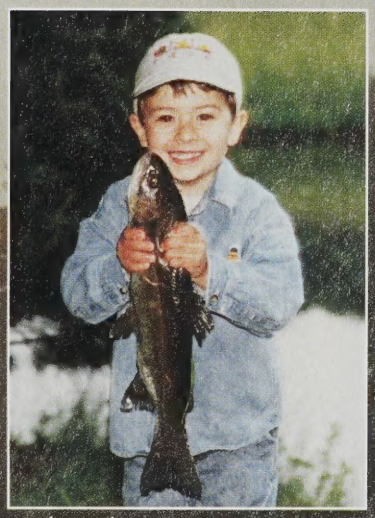

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Winter surrounds Oakland Maryland's newly restored train station and historic site.

Oakland's Restored Treasure

Edited by Ken Wishnick based on research provided by Glenn Tolbert

Photography by Lance C. Bell

What is there about trains that stir people's imagination? Is it the visualization of a chugging coal-burning locomotive winding its way through the mountains or is it the reminder of days gone by when life was much simpler? It's hard to pinpoint, but one can't deny that there's something festive in the air when standing on the platform of an historic railroad station and hearing the whistle of an approaching train.

There was a time when the train station in Oakland was the busiest place in town. Local people would drive by just to watch the regular ebb and flow of visitors. And some of those visitors had famous faces. President Ulysses S. Grant or President Benjamin Harrison would alight from their carriages unattended by guards. Neither man was pressed for a handshake or an autograph. President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, William McKinley and Buffalo Bill Cody have walked through this building. To the disappointment of many, regular passenger service ended in the early 1980's. The station then became an office and storage building for CSX Railways.

Now the structure has come back to life. The train station was purchased by the town of Oakland and has undergone an historically accurate restoration. The masonry of 1884 is becoming the cornerstone of Oakland's rebirth. People from across the nation are coming just to have a chance to see this unique building. This fine example of Queen Anne style architecture is the hub of a significant community investment that includes a hiking/biking trail, town park, farmers' market, community pavilion and boat/fishing ramp complex.

The most unique exterior feature of the station is its circular tower, topped with a bell-shaped roof that utilizes half-timbered gables and fish-scale shingles. It is in here where the attendant on duty stood looking back and forth down the tracks as he prepared to manually engage a signal for passing trains. Despite the materials in the roof being more than 116 years old, the roofing crew reported that the original wood was in great condition and needed no repairs. Research showed that around 1948, and perhaps in preparation for Oakland's Centennial, some of the external features of the building were altered, including the removal of the decorative wooden balls on the gable ends of the roof. These ornaments were replaced.

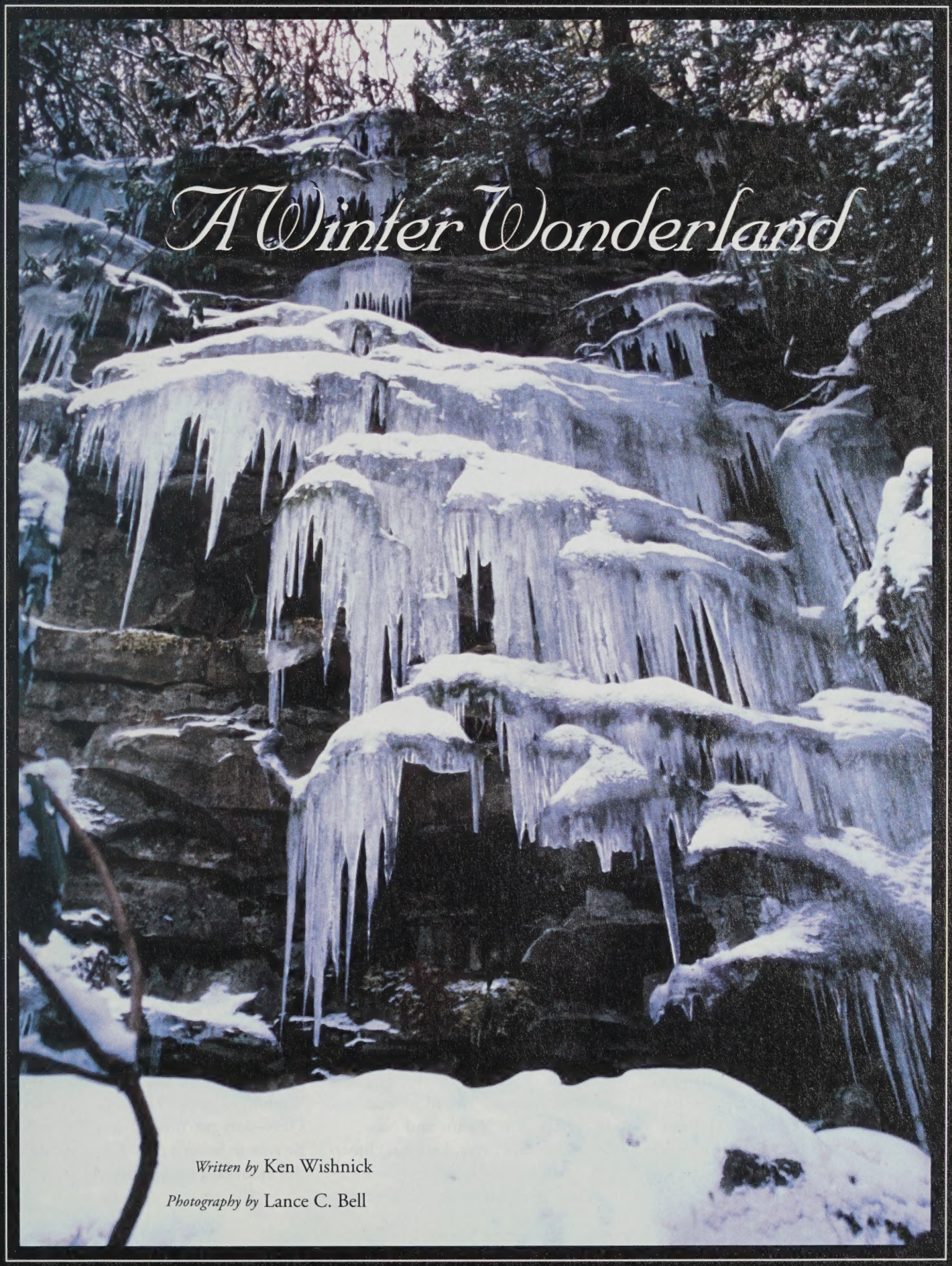
Molded brick, stone trim, a slate roof and stained glass combine to create the aesthetic qualities that give this building its unique character. The single most expensive, and most important, item was the slate roof. Its replacement was delayed an entire year so that material could be mined from the same quarry that produced the original slate. As one of the most distinctive historic depots in the country, the Oakland Station was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

On the interior, it doesn't take much imagination to let your mind wander to the station's past. There's the men's waiting room, where chewing tobacco, smoking cigars and swearing was commonplace. This, of course, required separate facilities for the ladies of the time. Interestingly enough, the ladies waiting room was also used by gentlemen since it was warmer and closer to the ticket window. Found here is the only original piece of furniture remaining in the station.

On one section of the wall, the pot-bellied stove chimney vent still exists, evoking visions of its toasty warmth during blustery cold winter days. The authentic station waiting bench was originally housed in the Terra Alta, West Virginia's train station prior to its demolition in 1999. It was subsequently given to the town as a gift from CSX.

The windows on the first floor all required restoration. Of particular interest, is that more than seventy percent of the stained glass was recycled from the original window glass! However, the clear glass is all new and needed to meet modern safety standards.

There's so much to see and do while visiting Garrett County, but be sure to allow time to enjoy the meticulous care that went into the restoration of Oakland's newest treasure!



A Winter Wonderland

Written by Ken Wishnick

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If asked what comes to mind when you think of Anchorage, Alaska, chances are that snow would make your top ten list. After all, Alaska is not only cold, it borders the Pacific Ocean and an abundance of snowfall is probable. Now think of Garrett County in the winter. If you are, again thinking of snow, you've got it right! With its half-mile high elevation, Garrett County averages ninety-seven inches of the white, fluffy stuff each winter, with some past years surpassing the two hundred mark! By contrast, Anchorage gets seventy-two inches annually and Fairbanks sixty-five— both significantly less than Garrett County!

Many living in urban areas frown when they see a fresh snowfall. Snow can and does bring many complications to their lives. Roads that are congested under normal conditions become treacherous with a gray, sloppy mix. Schools close, schedules are disrupted and many people have harrowing experiences simply getting to a nearby 7- Eleven for that needed container of milk. To kids of course, it's a whole different story—"no school—yay, let's build a snowman."

Out here in Garrett County, we're more like kids, but unfortunately school (and work) usually goes on regardless of weather conditions. Our toys are skiis, snowshoes, snowmobiles, snowboards, horse drawn sleighs, sleds and imagination. It's a way of life for us country folk. We routinely get so much snow, that local road crews are well equipped to handle most any occurence. Tourism is very important to our county, and our elected officials learned long ago that clear, safe roadways are a basic necessity for our many visitors.

The area's biggest winter attraction, Wisp Ski Resort, not only takes advantage of our abundant local snowfall, but also uses advanced design snowmaking equipment, helping to ensure great conditions during snow droughts. To enthusiasts, this means an extended ski season that is usually operational from before Thanksgiving through much of March!

Swallow Falls in snow and ice

A tip to visitors: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are usually the best times to ski at Wisp. These days have far fewer skiiers and rarely have lines at the lifts. On some days, there are so few skiiers that Wisp may even feel like your own private resort! If your job gives you the flexibility to get away mid-week, this is a great place to be!

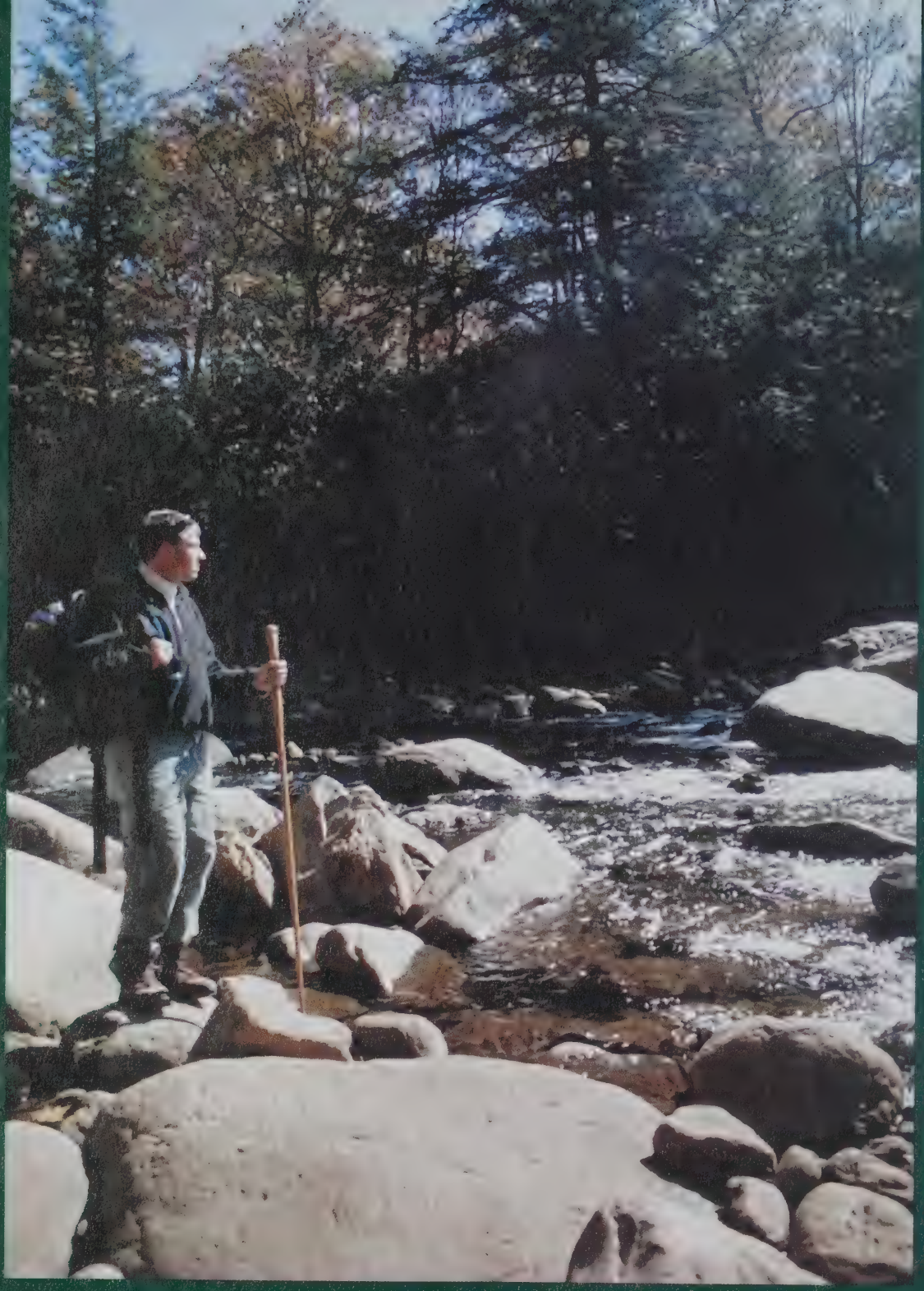
Prefer cross-country skiing? There are many options. Two ideal locations are Herrington Manor and New Germany State Parks. Lessons, clinics and rentals are available. More information can be obtained on the Internet at www.skimaryland.com. Here you can get daily ski conditions for both the Wisp Ski Resort and state parks. Also available is a calendar of events that lists cross-country ski clinics and other programs of interest.

During winter, when Deep Creek Lake freezes over, the ice fishermen begin to emerge. Some are content to drill a hole and silently fish all day. Others will bring out a tent hut, invite friends over and create a party. Whatever your style, the hushed quiet of winter, the scenery and the abundant fish will provide great memories.

Not everyone who comes to Garrett County is looking for outdoor adventure. Some find more pleasure indoors, relaxing by a roaring stone fireplace or gazing out at inspiring scenery from a sunny picture window. For those romantically inclined, there are eleven outstanding Bed and Breakfast establishments in the area and no two are alike. Another option is a private vacation home rental—there are more than five hundred to choose from. Many have decks with very private hot tubs, offering the kind of intimacy that comes with staying in an isolated luxury home far away from civilization. Traditional and condo hotels/motels round out accommodation offerings. The Chamber of Commerce provides additional accommodations descriptions and links on its web site at www.skimaryland.com.

Getting to Garrett County is part of the fun. We're an easy three-hour drive from both the Baltimore/Washington area and from Columbus, OH—only two hours from Pittsburgh. Be sure to bring a camera to capture the mountain vistas along the way.

A quiet stroll at Swallow Falls State Park



In Search of Vistas, Waterfalls and Isolated Forests

Hiking with Steve Green, co-owner of High Mountain Sports

Ever read one of those business publications that tout all the calming ways to relieve stress? Experts say that visualizing a relaxing location and listening to the sounds of nature are the best way to calm down after a day filled with pressure. Some people even buy desktop waterfalls and CDs filled with sounds of bird chirps, frog ribits and crickets. Here in Garrett County we use the same visualizing and nature sound therapies to unwind, but imagination is not required since we have the real thing!

Stroll down most any path and hear gurgling streams, roaring rivers and wild turkey mating calls or birds of prey letting their presence be known. Take your pick of waterfalls to visit, and pack a picnic lunch to enjoy while sunning yourself on a warm, smooth river rock as the white water rapids rush by.

Consider trails with great vistas, views of trout filled rivers and history you can hike to. Easy day hikes are popular at Swallow Falls State Park and longer backpacking trips can be taken along the Big Savage Mountain Trail. With ninety thousand acres of publicly owned parklands, this mountain area has more than any other county in Maryland, so make sure your hiking boots are broken in and get ready to hit the trails.

With great waterfalls, big rocks, and the oldest Hemlock grove in the State of Maryland, Swallow Falls State Park is a Mecca for outdoor enthusiasts visiting Garrett County. Missing trails in this park would be like going to Orlando and bypassing Disneyworld. The hike along Muddy Creek and the Youghiogheny River (known locally as the "Yock") is somewhat rugged, but an easy day hike with well-marked trails and lots of excitement along the way. The trail connecting Muddy Creek Falls with Swallow Falls, has all the sounds, sights and smells that let you know you are in a very special place. Expect to see a fair number of others here during summer weekends, but it can seem like a lonesome Maytag repairman's vacation spot during spring and fall.

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and Ken Wishnick

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When exiting Swallow Falls Park, turn left and stop at the parking lot on the right, just across the Yock. There's a trailhead across the road leading along an old railroad bed, which once ran all the way to the town of Friendsville. Take your lunch and head downstream (don't forget to look for that perfect big rock for your picnic). The trail runs a few miles and ends at the Deep Creek hydroelectric power plant. As every experienced hiker knows, the scenery looks different in each direction, so don't hesitate about returning on the same route. Just a neat, neat trail. There are several vantage points from where trout can be scoped out in the river when it is sunny.

Located in the Potomac State Forest, is another trail I highly recommend that is so far off the beaten path that most folks in Garrett County don't even seem to know it exists. The Lostland Trail begins across from the old Potomac-Garrett Headquarters on Potomac Camp Road and runs three and a half miles to the Potomac River. If you enjoy scenery and hiking experiences, this is the trail for you! Be prepared for some rocky hiking and have your camera ready for when you cross the swinging bridge. And speaking of cameras, save enough film for beautiful Cascade Falls — a definite spot to stop and picnic or relax. Take time to hike up to the old fish hatchery site built by the CCC — Civilian Conservation Corp. This area of the Potomac is also known for exceptional fly-fishing. The views of the river are also among the best in Garrett County!

In Friendsville, do as the locals do, and take the hike along the "Yock" River on the old logging railroad bed paralleling one of the best whitewater rafting areas in the United States. This corridor property was recently purchased by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as part of the river's "wild and scenic" designation. Although the hike is flat and relatively easy, it can still be muddy so dress appropriately. Try to plan this hike on a day that the Deep Creek Power Plant is generating electricity and releasing water so you can check out the awesome whitewater as the rafters and kayakers meander through the rapids enroute to Friendsville. From April 15th through October 15th, water releases are scheduled from 10:00 am to 1:00pm, Mondays, Fridays and the 1st Saturday of the month. Keep in mind that it can take two hours for the high water to reach Friendsville after its release.

After following this trail for a few miles, you will come to the ghost town of Kendall. This is an area where barrels were manufactured and loaded onto the railroad for shipment to Friendsville and elsewhere. When the railroad pulled out, so did the lifeblood of this town. On the return trip, go easy on the trail mix snacks and save room in your belly for some small town, home cooking. Check out the Riverside Café, just a short walk along the river from the trailhead.

How about trekking along a mountain ridge? Hiking the Meadow Mountain trail will bring you to, in my opinion, the best of several incredible vistas in Garrett County. I last saw this stunning view on a spring hike before the foliage had grown in, which created even more vistas and raised my ratings of this trail even higher. In just a mile or two a clearing opens to a magnificent vista. The beautiful Monroe Run Overlook can be seen from here in all its glory. This is the sweet spot for hikers. You can't drive here or see anything else as beautiful in all of Garrett County!

To get to the trailhead, take New Germany Road north from State Route 495 for about 2.5 miles and turn left onto Frank Brennaman Road until you reach the top of the mountain ridge. Park on the right at the entrance to the Meadow Mountain Trailhead, BUT, CROSS THE ROAD AND TAKE THE TRAIL HEADING SOUTH. The northern section of the trail doesn't have the same appeal as the southern.

So get your hiking boots broken in, your water bottles filled, and get moving. Also, only hike on Sundays during hunting season.

This is just a sampling of the great hikes Garrett County has to offer, so start with this and keep exploring.

Beauty and the Swamp

THE CRANESVILLE SWAMP

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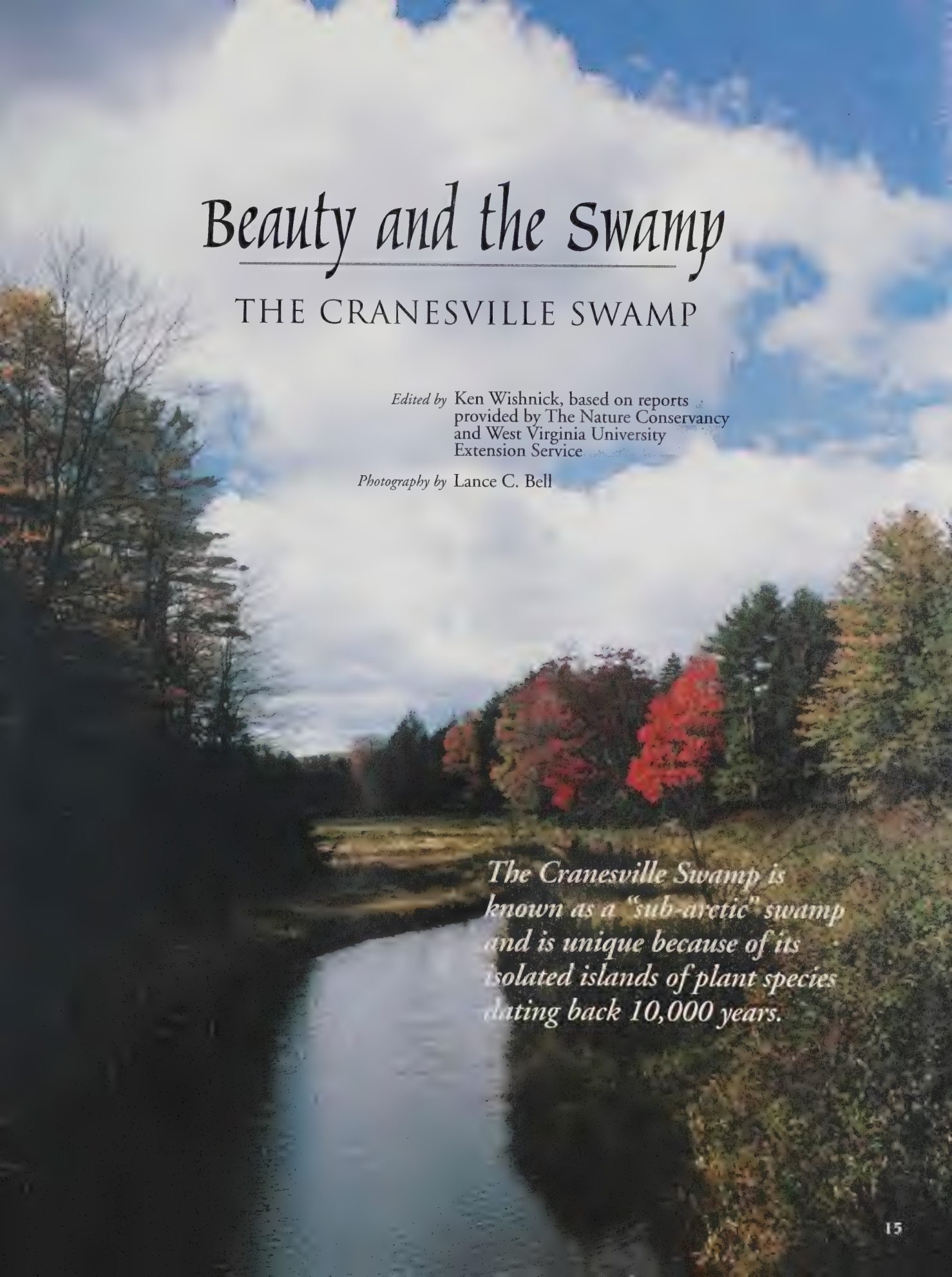

The Cranesville Swamp is known as a "sub-arctic" swamp and is unique because of its isolated islands of plant species dating back 10,000 years.

During your visit to Garrett County, why not take a boardwalk stroll through a tamarack swamp?

Bordering West Virginia, at the western end of Garrett County, is a most interesting specimen of Mother Nature's work—the Cranesville Swamp. If you've never been to this preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy, don't expect a Louisiana style bayou or crocodiles lurking as floating log look-alikes! This "sub-arctic" swamp is unique in many ways and has been a draw to nature enthusiasts from all over the world. Among the factors that make this area so special is the presence of isolated islands of plant species that lived here 10,000 years ago!

Beginning about a mile west of the Maryland border in the small town of Cranesville, West Virginia the swamp has 835 acres protected by The Nature Conservancy. It extends on both sides of Muddy Creek which is joined by smaller streams including Cupp Run, Hoyes Run, Hayes Run, and Ned Run- all named for early settlers. Muddy Creek has a dark color typical of swamp water due to the presence of tannins and other organic matter leached from decaying plants.

Cranesville Swamp was one of the first National Natural Landmarks to be designated by the National Park Service in 1965. It hosts plants and animals normally found in more northern regions. Tamarack or larch (Larix laricina), goldthread and cotton grass are abundant in the swamp, as is the tiny, round leaved sundew, an insect eating plant. In addition, it is the only significant site in the state for creeping snowberry (Gaultheria hispidula). All told, nineteen different plant communities, ranging from shrubby wetlands to hardwood forest, occur in Cranesville. Northern animals include the northern water shrew (Sorex palustris punctulatus). Among the state-rare breeding birds found here are the Golden Crowned Kinglet, Alder Fly Catcher, Nashville Warbler and Saw-Whet Owl.

Getting There:

As with most natural wonders, expect a little navigating to get there. It's not all that hard to find if these directions are followed carefully.

1) *Head south from Deep Creek Lake on State Highway 219 toward Oakland.*
2) *Turn right on Mayhew Inn Road (JG's Pub is on the corner)*
3) *After 1.4 miles, turn left onto Bray School Road, the first road on the left*
4) *Turn right at "T" onto Oakland Sang Run Road*
5) *After 1 mile, turn left on Swallow Falls Road for 2.6 miles to a fork*
6) *At fork, turn right onto Cranesville Road*
7) *After 4.2 miles, turn left onto Lake Ford Road*
8) *In .2 miles, turn right at fork, drive .1 mile and it's on the right*

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Cranesville Swamp is a peatland bog, a permanently wet area where partially decomposed plant debris has collected and compacted into peat. This peat is nutrient poor and very acidic. Most trees are unable to survive in these harsh conditions; thus the dominant plants are sedges, cranberry, and sphagnum moss.

The swamp was formed during the most recent Ice Age, 15,000 years ago. Although the ice sheet itself did not reach Maryland, it did create a colder climate, in which only northern flora could survive. With the final retreat of the ice and a general warming of the climate, the northern flora retreated north. However, in a few places like the Cranesville Swamp, a small piece of this northern forest and bog remained in what botanists call a relict colony. This boreal bog can exist so far south only because it is in a colder microclimate than its surroundings. This "frost pocket effect" is caused by a combination of natural circumstances, including the persistence of cool air in the high mountain valleys.

The average elevation of the swamp is 2,560 feet above sea level, while the uplands bordering the swamp are up to 2,900 feet high. Geologically, the area is part of the Briery Mountain anticline, which reaches its high point at Terra Alta, West Virginia. The area receives 50 inches of rain annually. Snowfall averages 160 inches here; nearly double the overall average of Garrett County. In this area, traces of snow have even been seen in the summer months! The abundance of precipitation, in addition to poor drainage caused by the underlying clay and rock, create Cranesville's wet habitat.

The Nature Conservancy has opened the swamp to the public for bird watching and nature walks year round. Park in their designated area and follow the marked trail through the woods. This path leads to a 1500-foot boardwalk that allows easy exploration of the bog.

For many years, Deep Creek Lake was promoted as "Maryland's Best Kept Secret." That ad campaign could have been a model for "truth in advertising." Few people outside the local area ever heard of Westernmost Maryland's magnificent 3900-acre mountain lake. Even for those in the know, loading up the kids to travel all day on winding back roads just didn't have much appeal.

This all changed with the building of Interstate 68. Driving from the Baltimore/Washington area became an easy, enjoyable three-hour sprint. With only eleven traffic lights in all of Garrett County, this area quickly became an awesome contrast to the beltway congestion left behind.

A unique Deep Creek Lake experience is parking your car and traveling by boat to resort amenities. Don't have a boat? Our marinas have rentals available, but be sure to reserve in advance during peak times. Enjoy the luxury of water travel to several fine restaurants and the Lakeside Creamery, which won national first place competitions for both their vanilla and chocolate ice cream. Docking is also convenient to shopping, movie theatres, the state park beach and DNR's Discovery Center.

Land of Seven Lakes

Written by Ken Wishnick

Photography by Lance C. Bell

Fishing on Deep Creek Lake is legendary. Fishermen have been observed to be so absorbed in their pursuit that Mother Nature's most violent rain or wind conditions provide no discouragement. Winter ice fishing has also grown in popularity and creates a Norman Rockwell scene with scattered anglers framed by snow-covered mountains in the backdrop.

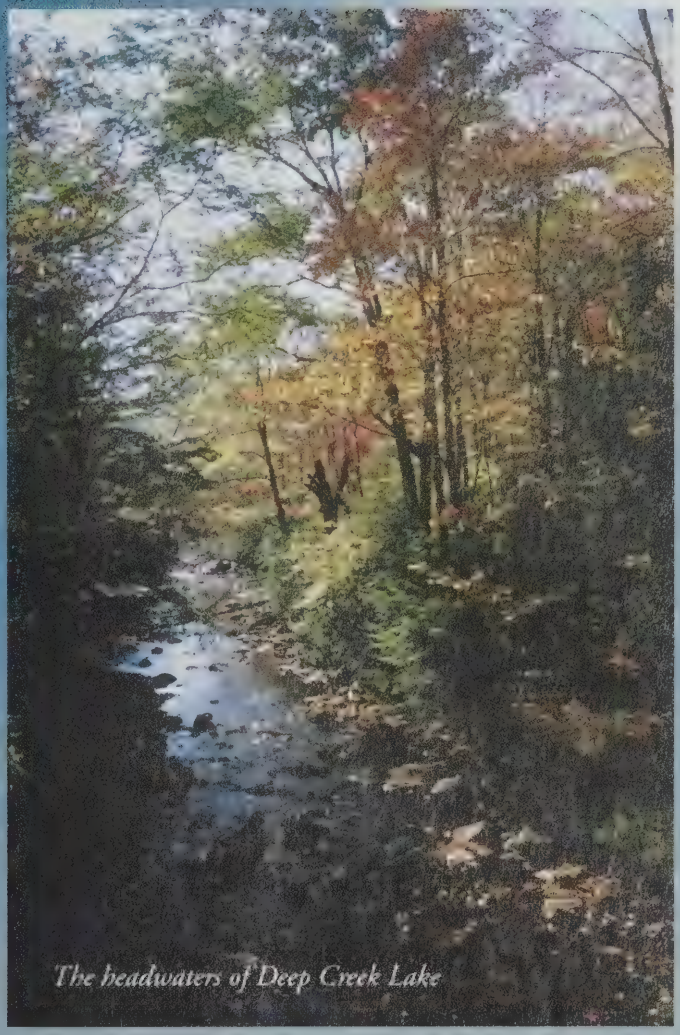
One thing visitors won't find at the lake is mosquitoes. There is a notable absence of this insect, which makes the consistently cool summer evenings fun to enjoy outdoors.

Although the popularity of Deep Creek Lake has been growing, Garrett County still retains a secret that even many returning vacationers are not aware of. In addition to Deep Creek, there are six other local recreational lakes, just waiting to be discovered by visitors. Each area has its own unique personality and each is within a half hour drive of Deep Creek.

Ever have a fantasy of water skiing or fishing on your own private lake? Think about this setting—clean refreshing lake waters with a surrounding mountainous landscape and you're hard pressed to spot another boat or lake user on the horizon! Psst— it's our secret, but we'll share it. We're talking about the Jennings Randolph Lake just Northeast of the old coal mining community of Kitzmiller.

As returning visitors may already know, the Potomac River has its headwaters at a point where the Garrett County (and Maryland) boundary joins with West Virginia's. The Fairfax Stone marker commemorates this

An aerial view of the Wisp and part of Deep Creek Lake



The headwaters of Deep Creek Lake

significant location, and is easily accessible from route 219. Anyway, after the north Branch of the Potomac River flows some twenty-five miles from this point, it becomes a U.S. Corps of Engineers constructed lake, which continues forming the Maryland and West Virginia border. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources operates a public boat ramp access here, and fishing licenses from both states are legal.

Jennings Randolph Lake is 952 acres in size, has a shoreline of 13.6 miles and is 5.5 miles from end to end. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources operates a 600 foot lighted concrete boat ramp that can be accessed from State Highway 135 via Mt. Zion Road.

Looking for an isolated lake that bans powerboats, then consider the Savage River Reservoir. A long-time favorite for flatwater canoe and kayak enthusiasts, this mountain lake offers unsurpassed tranquility. Never tried kayaking? Rent one and check it out! They come in both single and tandem configurations. High Mountain Sports even rents an open top version so those who may be phobic about being trapped in its confines have nothing to fear! There is a dam at the south end of the reservoir, which provides a gateway to a spectacular fly fishing area. Some whitewater enthusiasts may recall that the 1988 Olympic trials were held here in Garrett County and it was at this very location where all the action took place. The foothbridge crossing the Savage River still remains where the network camera crews remained perched throughout the event's duration. If you're the adventure type person that appreciates natural beauty, you won't leave this area disappointed!

Lake at New Germany State Park

The opportunity to swim in a real mountain lake is sought by many visitors to Garrett County. Most people simply ask for directions to the beach at Deep Creek Lake State Park and have a great time lounging on chairs or blankets while their children romp in the waters or play in the sand. They have none of the hassles of traveling to the ocean and all the relaxation of being waterside. It often comes as a surprise to visitors that there are three other public beach areas in Garrett County. They can be found at Herrington Manor State Park, New Germany State Park and Broadford Lake Park. All have sandy entrance areas, roped off swimming zones and lifeguards on duty.

Herrington Manor Lake is 53 acres in size and located within Herrington Manor State Park. The park derived its name from Abijah Herrington, who patrolled this area during the Revolutionary War. It has twenty rustic cabins for rent that have been featured as both perfect for a getaway and very affordable. The beach area is very user friendly. Boat rentals are also available including rowboats, canoes and paddleboats.

This is a great place for the family to spend some time. Swim, fish, boat and have a picnic in the great outdoors! For hiking and mountain biking enthusiasts, take the trail connecting Herrington Manor with Swallow Falls State Park. Be forewarned it's about five miles, but not a difficult hike. Have the designated non-hiker in your group drive to Swallow Falls Park and meet you there.

At just 13 acres, New Germany Lake, in New Germany State Park, is the smallest of Garrett County's seven. Due to its size, it is often overlooked by visitors and herein lies its appeal. If quiet surroundings and a sparsely used swimming area are what you are looking

Broadford Lake, Oakland Maryland

for, this one's for you. You can also rent mini kayaks, surfbikes and other water toys. Never tried kayaking or surfbiking? Here's your chance. The lake is stocked with sport fish, and anglers often come away smiling. The park also offers eleven rental cabins and thirty-nine campsites. There are facilities for picnicking, hiking and fields for recreation.

Where do the locals go to swim and frolick? Broadford Lake Park is the family fun hub. It offers one of the nicest beach areas and a lakehouse. At 140 acres, it's large enough for flat water canoeing and kayaking with the security of having assistance nearby. Pets are welcomed here, and the lake is stocked with trout, crappie, bass and catfish. There are covered picnic pavilions that can be reserved in advance. Broadford Lake Park also offers ball fields, tennis courts and hiking areas. It is interesting to note that the park is owned by the town of Oakland yet located in the town of Mountain Lake Park.

People who visit Deep Creek Lake are taken aback by the lake's twelve-mile length. What is not generally known is that the Youghiogheny River Lake is even longer measuring sixteen miles from end to end. At 2,840 acres, it's still smaller than Deep Creek's 3,900-acre footprint. Motorboats, jet skis and sailboats are all permitted here. The Mill Run Access Area has a Visitors Center, camping facilities, boat launch and swimming facility.

Visitors willing to venture out to Garrett County's other lake attractions during their stay will wonder why they never did this before. Spend seven days and visit seven lakes!

Fish Tales

How many times have you heard it? "I almost had him, but at the last minute the line snapped!" or "He was just lurking there, the biggest fish I've ever seen in my life, but I just couldn't get him to strike!" Every fisherman has stories to tell about the adrenalin surge that comes with encountering a lunker. Here in Garrett County, you'll hear these yarns too, but also of many a special fish that didn't get away. With four rivers and seven public lakes in the county, most anyone can wet a line and expect to experience a thrill. We asked two local enthusiasts to each share a story with us that ended with success. Here are their tales…

This Photo by Lance C. Bell

Savage River Trout Fishing Area

Zach Virts, Garrett County resident, with his 4 lb, 2 oz., 21 inch rainbow trout.

Hooked for Life

by A.J. Fleming and April Tichnell

A. J.'s Streamside Services

If you take a four-year old boy fishing for trophy trout and he succeeds, you'll have him hooked for life. I was there the day four-year old Zachary caught his first rainbow, a real "dandy." That's what young Zach said, and I'm not one to argue.

Using live bait with light spinning tackle made no difference to Zach. He was there to catch a fish and didn't really care how we did it. I'd bait the line, cast, and hand it over to him. He'd excitedly take it from me, anxious to catch a fish. We'd wait for a bite. And wait, and wait. Zach was unusually patient. I'd never taken an angler as young as Zach, and his determination surprised me.

When the fish finally hit, I wasn't sure he'd know what to do. I was in for another surprise! As the fish tugged forcefully at the line, a completely shocked Zach jerked the pole. Without realizing it, he had set the hook! Not wanting him to lose the fish, I began to warn Zach not to pull too hard or he would break the line. Oblivious, Zach was trying his darndest to reel him in. This proved to be difficult for him as the trout turned out to be nearly half his size... a twenty-one inch rainbow! But together we managed to bring it safely in.

What is important about that catch was not the size of the fish or how it was taken. All that mattered was the look on Zach's face when I handed him his catch. He tried to contain himself, saying, "That's a dandy, A.J." "It sure is Zach," I replied, more excited about his new passion for fishing than even catching the fish!

The Boldest Brown

by **Don Hershfeld**

'Streams & Dreams' Retreat

While recovering from a serious fall I was in a full arm cast and unable to do much in the way of flyfishing. However, during this time I watched the Youghioheny closely and found precisely where a certain fish would feed regularly. One trout in particular is the one I'll call the boldest brown. This was a fairly large trout for the 'Yock', a stout male sixteen inches or so, beautifully marked. He could select and defend any space he wanted, so I was surprised that his dining room was directly adjacent to one of the most heavily fished areas! Tucked in a small pocket under a narrow funneling of the flow, he held for weeks. Rising rarely and then only for the surest of tidbits, the trout would drift down slowly and carefully scrutinize his meals. The spot met all his needs very well.

In their hurry to start fishing many people apparently failed to even notice the fish, and those who did found the currents surrounding him to be difficult. In any case, the boldest brown always saw them coming, and was long gone before he could be tempted. A line cast from above, from below, or from the right or left sides quickly incurred 'drag' in the surface currents under which the trout finned and watched. The boldest brown seemed invulnerable, the ideal challenge, and something for me to ponder daily.

A few times I'd come across my neighbor, Jeff, fishing the river. After asking if I could still cast, he would offer

me his rod. Somehow I'd always managed to hook a fish each time he offered me a chance, even if Jeff had to help play it in. One day both he and Karen were looking down over the boldest brown's sure domain. I was feeling confident that day, and on impulse took his rod and slipped quietly over the bank. Some falls of winged ants had taken place earlier, and the fish were now searching for more. But I remembered how this particular spot had always spoiled my best efforts. I felt the pressure of an audience, and my "streak" now hung by a narrow thread.

Two fine, but lesser fish lay a few feet downstream of the boldest brown. Lined or hooked, either of these might serve sentry duty and put out the alarm. These two had to be removed before the real contest could begin. The first cast saw a rise, and this fish was quickly played and released. After another cast or two, the second slowly rose to the fly as well. This one came loose, but I was fortunate to avoid any domino effect; it made its exit both quietly and in a downstream direction. This left only the boldest brown. Suddenly a possible solution suggested itself. If I could stay low to avoid detection, and get close enough to make a short combination reach/pile cast quartering upstream, the line and leader might not be tugged away prematurely. Instead it would just lay atop a big flat rock. By dumping a little extra slack into the tippet, the black ant pattern Jeff had tied on could drift well, without drag. I'd try to set the fly down just a little short of the target so that even if the fish were not to see the first drift, or if I muffed the cast, I'd probably get at least one other chance.

Holding my breath, I never got a second try. In a perfect moment in time, the line and leader unfurled as planned. The little ant fell just to the side and slightly behind the fish's right eye, apparently unfettered. He shifted his fins and calmly drifted up towards it. As if in slow motion, only the briefest of an inspection followed, and his jaws closed about the hook. In that instant I'd completely forgotten about my audience, my arm, and all else. I waited for what seemed an eternity, this to allow the fish time to turn back and face upstream, and lightly set the hook. Then, along with the splash of one very incredulous trout, I heard Karen and Jeff's spontaneous exclamations!

Fumbling a bit in the process of trying to strip in and yield line, I landed and released the fish after an admiring gaze or two. Some fish mean more than others to an angler. Taking the boldest brown marked my return to a game I dearly love. Photos were neither taken, nor required, of another Garrett County memory not soon to be forgotten.

Jim Minoque fishes the Savage.

Recreation

ADVENTURE SPORTS

- **Alpine (Downhill) Skiing**
- **Backpacking**
- **Camping**
- **Canoeing**
- **Caving**
- **Cross Country Skiing**
- **Flatwater Paddling**
- **Fly Fishing**
- **Hiking**
- **Horseback Riding**
- **Ice Climbing**
- **Kayaking**
- **Mountain Biking**
- **Repelling**
- **Rock Climbing**
- **Sailboarding**
- **Scuba Diving**
- **Skydiving**
- **Snowboarding**
- **Snowshoeing**
- **Whitewater Rafting**
- **Windsurfing**

ALPINE (Downhill) SKIING— Wisp Ski Resort, located at Deep Creek Lake is Maryland's only Alpine ski area. Rising to an elevation of 3,080 feet with a 610-foot vertical drop, Wisp offers a wide variety of terrains to suit both young and old from beginner to expert. Wisp boasts 23 trails covering 14 miles and 90 acres of skiable terrain, half pipe and terrain park. The lift system includes two triple and three double chair lifts plus two surface tows with uphill capacity of 9,120 skiers per hour. Night skiing is available over 90% of the trails. State of the art snowmaking can cover 90% of all trails with man-made snow when nature needs a little help. Specialized computerization and water pumping stations, coupled with the expertise of skilled snowmaking personnel, have earned Wisp the reputation for *"best snowmaking in the east."* Ski conditions are available on **www.skimaryland.com**

Wisp Ski and Snowboard Adventures offers lessons for the beginner, intermediate, and advanced winter enthusiast. Group or private lessons are offered for conventional Alpine skiing or snowboarding. Traditional ski rental equipment is available at the Wisp Rental Shop and the Adventure Center carries a complete line of parabolic shaped ski and snowboards. Equipment, apparel, and accessories may be purchased on site at Rudy's Ski Shop, located on the lower level of the McHenry House. Events and competitions are held at Wisp throughout the season, including the Maryland Special Olympic Winter Games, Mid-Atlantic Snowboard Series, Collegiate Ski Races, and the US Ski Series featuring east coast professionals and area amateurs. For information on snow events, please call Wisp at 301-387-4911, ext. 2144.

Wisps' base lodge, *The McHenry House*, offers a variety of food and beverage outlets that are open year-round. Dining room service is available at *The Place at The Base of The Face*, while more casual meals are offered at *Pizzazz Pizzeria* and the *Cafeteria*. You may relax in front of the fireplace at *The Gathering* or *23° Below Lounge*.

Children—Willy Wisp is a unique year-round youth center (operated in conjunction with Garrett Community College) that offers opportunities for education, exercise, exploration and socialization in the resort atmosphere of Wisp. Winter programming titled Skiwee (Alpine) and Mini Rider (snowboarding), offer unlimited lift runs, winter games, and an orientation to snow play. An abundance of summer camps featuring hiking, biking, tennis, golf, swimming, performing arts, and computer technology will stimulate and dazzle your child!

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Downhill skiing at Wisp © L. Bell

Backpacking/Hiking in Potomac State Forest © L. Bell

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Accommodations—There is a hotel on site as well as ski-in/ski-out private homes and townhouses. A variety of vacation cabins, hotels/motels, bed & breakfasts, and condominiums are available throughout the area. Please contact the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce 301-387-4386 or for more information **www.garrettchamber.com**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT— Entertainment at its finest is offered by local and touring artists at the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival at Deep Creek Lake, Little Yough River Music Festival, Our Town Theatre for the Performing Arts in Oakland and the Garrett County Arts Council. Programming includes Chautauqua, chamber music, Irish dance, ballet, barbershops, and numerous theatre productions. Entertainment is held each weekend throughout the summer season. For more information, see the Ongoing Calendar of Events, articles and display advertisements in this guide.

ATV TRAILRIDING—A tree covered trail through a beautiful heavy canopy of hardwoods, white-tailed deer and numerous small game, a fast brook tumbles through a gorge, all set in the mountains. There are 90 wonderful miles of rails through scenic Garrett County. Currently there is not a place to rent ATVs but they can be purchased. Bring your own and go for the ride of your life.

BACKPACKING—Also see Hiking. Backpacking is permitted in Savage River, Potomac and Garrett State Forests. Note that a permit is required for overnight camping. Contact the State Forest offices for information. (see Page 36)

BIKING—*Also see Mountain Biking.* We are "bicycle friendly" and there are hundreds of miles of easy to moderate rolling terrain for the beginner to intermediate cyclists. More challenging routes are also available for the experienced rider. Both CAM (Cycle Across Maryland) and the American Lung Association have provided 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100-mile tours for their participants during the summer and fall seasons. All routes are easily accessible to motels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and campsites. Garrett County is safe riding because the State Highway Administration has provided 10' shoulders on most of Routes 135, 219, & 495. They also broom clean these shoulders each spring. The cities of Oakland and Mountain Lake Park are both of historical interest and provide easy and leisurely rides.

County roads are rural and rolling, but always with a spectacular view of this Maryland country that is just west of the Eastern Continental Divide. Garrett County includes the confluence of waters that form the Potomac River flowing east to Washington, DC and the Atlantic Ocean; the Youghiogheny River flowing north and then west via the Monongahela into the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and into the Gulf of Mexico. Most of our State Park trails share their use with hikers, cyclists, and snowmobiles. The Allegheny Trail Alliance (Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD) will be connecting to the C & O Canal Towpath into Washington, D.C.; call 888-ATA-Bike for information.

The Chamber of Commerce 301-387-4FUN (4386) can be contacted for additional information. A Garrett County Trail Guide can be found on this website: **http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/trailguide/**. Please wear your helmet.

BIRDING—Your heart pounds as you wait breathlessly! In the depth of the hemlock you hear a magical song. A suggestion of movement is evidence that your quarry will soon be visible. There! On the branch's end, in a small patch of sunlight perches the stunning black, white and yellow bird you've been stalking—the Magnolia Warbler.

Birding is the fastest growing outdoor activity in the United States

according to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. And no wonder. The lure of the hunt is powerful. Birds are gorgeous. They are everywhere, and the thrill of the chase is beyond compare. Garrett County has some extensive and exceptional birding hot spots. Because of our unique geographical location and topography, we have many northern and southern species nesting here. The wood warblers are especially sought after by birding enthusiasts. Spring and fall bring swarms of migrants. The seven local lakes are a stopover point for thousands of feeding migrating waterfowl, while the forests are filled with migrant songbirds. Garrett County is indeed a birders paradise. Contact local expert Connie Skipper at Herrington Manor State Park (301) 334-9180 to receive more information and participate in birding programs or contact the Visitors Center.

BOATING—*Motorized.* Garrett County offers 3 huge lakes for motorboats and personal watercraft.

Youghiogheny River Lake—Extends 16 miles and covers 2,840 acres. There is a marina on the lake at Somerfield South and it does offer boat rentals. Three campgrounds each offering something different with facilities ranging from modern to primitive. There are eight launch areas with docks, restrooms, swimming areas and numerous other amenities. (814) 395-3166.

Jennings Randolph Lake—Extends 5.5 miles upstream and has a surface area of 952 acres and has 2 boat launches with floating docks, fishing pier, scenic overlooks including the *Waffle Rock* site, trail system, campground with numerous amenities. (304) 355-2346.

Deep Creek Lake—Extends 12 miles, has a surface of 3,900 acres with 65 miles of shoreline and is designed for boat travel. Rent a beautiful lakefront home or other accommodation and boat to the grocery store, bank, 7 restaurants, bait shops, hardware store, ice cream parlor, movie theatre, office supply, 13 hotels and rental units and a state park with playgrounds, pavilions and numerous activities. 301-387-4111.

Nearly every type of boat from sailboat, personal watercraft (PWC) to speedster can be seen on Deep Creek Lake. Local marinas have boats available for rental. Prices vary according to the size of the boat. Sailing on the lake is exceptional with races held every weekend in the season. The Deep Creek Sailing School offers on-the-water sailing lessons. Call 301-387-4497.

The following are the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations applicable to Deep Creek Lake:

Statewide Boating Regulations for Non-Tidal Waters:

1. Boating accidents must be reported.
2. When water-skiing, two persons in the boat (an operator and an observer) must be at least 12 years old.
3. No water-skiing between sunset and sunrise.
4. It is unlawful to operate a boat in a reckless or negligent manner, or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. One Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) must be carried for each person aboard, and additional safety equipment may be required.
6. A valid registration must be on board and correctly displayed.
7. Water-skiing is not permitted within 100 feet of docks, shore, boats, or other people.
8. Navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise.
9. A Boating Safety Certificate is required for those born on or after July 1, 1972. Contact the officers at 301-387-4111 for dates of certification classes.

Specific Regulations for Deep Creek Lake:

1. A vessel may not exceed 26 feet in length, except pontoon boats, which may not exceed 30 feet.
2. Sirens are not permitted.
3. Houseboats are not permitted.
4. Engines may not exceed the manufacturers recommended capacity, or total displacement of 550 cubic inches, whichever is less.
5. Parasailing is not permitted on the lake.
6. Vessels shall be muffled so as not to exceed state noise level limits.
7. No garbage, sewage or other waste materials may be discharged into the lake.
8. Aircraft are prohibited on the lake and buffer strip.
9. Personal Watercraft (PWC) (a motorized vessel which can only carry the number of persons as specified by the manufacturer) may not be operated on the lake between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on: Saturday, Sunday and holiday of Memorial Day weekend and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1 through Labor Day.

   In addition to all other boating regulations, PWC must abide by a set of their own regulations, a few of which are:

   * Persons must be at least 16 years of age to operate a PWC.
   * All persons aboard a PWC must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
   * A person may not operate a PWC in a negligent manner; i.e. jumping the wake of other vessels within 100 feet of vessel.
   * A person may not operate a PWC between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Restricted Skiing Areas and Speed Zones:

1. On Deep Creek Lake, a person may not operate a vessel towing a skier, an aquaplane, or similar device within 100 feet of any bridge on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.
2. Water-skiing is not permitted beyond the buoys in the upper end of North Glade Cove from 12 noon until sunset each Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.
3. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots within 100 feet of the shoreline anywhere on the lake, except that a person may tow a skier from a dock or shore and then immediately exit the restricted area.
4. A person may not operate a vessel in excess of 3 knots between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from the Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day in that area which lies between Beckman's Cove and North Glade Cove.

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5. A person may not operate a vessel at a speed in excess of 3 knots at any time in the following areas: Meadow Mountain Run, east of the Meadow Mountain Bridge; McHenry Cove, north of the restriction buoys; upper end of Red Run Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; Thayerville Cove, southwest of a line of buoys extending from the easternmost point of the Arrowhead peninsula; upper end of Hoop Pole Cove, southwest of the restriction buoys; and upper end of Pawn Run Cove, northwest of the restriction buoys.

For more information, contact the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Area Office, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD 21561 or call 301-387-4111. Department of Natural Resources Police Emergency Number (land or water) 1-800-628-9944 or Memorial Day through Labor Day call 301-387-1101 for water-related problems.

Rowboats and paddle boats only are permitted on the lakes at Herrington Manor State Park, New Germany State Park and Savage River Reservoir. Rentals are available from park personnel at Herrington Manor and New Germany.

CAMPING—Garrett County is a camper's paradise. Whether you prefer tent, trailer or primitive camping, you'll find just what you are looking for. The chart below shows privately owned campgrounds and those in State Park and Forests can be found on page 37. Additional information may be obtained from the Garrett County Visitors Center near Deep Creek Lake or by calling the office at 301-387-4FUN or **www.garrettchamber.com** or by email — **info@garrettchamber.com**.

Some camping areas and parks permit pets and will accept reservations. Trailer hookups may be available in privately-owned campgrounds and some State Parks.

Primitive campers are invited to designated areas of Potomac State Forest, Garrett State Forest 301-334-4157 and Savage River State Forest 301-895-5759.

CANOEING—Spring and fall are the best seasons for canoeing opportunities in Garrett County. River levels are usually up from either snowmelt or rainfall offering increased water levels for river and flatwater paddling

The Youghiogheny, Casselman, Potomac and Savage Rivers offer a wide range of difficulty for the beginner to expert paddlers. In addition, scheduled dam releases from Deep Creek Lake provide up to Class V whitewater from April through October. Dam release schedules for the Yough can be obtained by calling 814-533-8911. It is recommended to always know the difficulty of any river section you plan to paddle before your trip. Guide books for river information and 'put in' access for Garrett County Maryland are included in; *Maryland and Delaware Canoe Trails* – Third Edition, by :Ed Gertler, *Appalachian White Water and the Central Mountains-Volume* II and *Wild Water West Virginia* which are available at the rafting companies. (See ads pages 104-110)

Garrett County offers 7 flatwater lakes for paddling. The 4 smaller lakes that restrict motorized craft are in order of size from the largest; Savage River Reservoir, Broadford, Herrington Manor & New Germany Lakes. Deep Creek Lake, Youghiogheny Dam and Jennings Randolph Lake permit powerboats and all types of water sports. In the summer months it is best to canoe in the early morning or evening hours. All seven of the lakes offer a great paddling adventure in the spring and fall.

CAVING—Garrett County is the home of Maryland's longest known cave. Experienced cavers are invited to explore with members of the local National Speleological Society grotto from Memorial Day to Labor Day if arrangements are made in advance. All cavers must have three sources of light, two, which are able to be helmet-mounted. Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time. 301-463-5881, email: **smeyer@hereintown.net** or (301) 387-4386 email: **info@garrettchamber.com** .

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING—With annual snowfalls of up to 220 inches, State Forests and Parks of Garrett County provide many miles of cross-country ski trails. Due to its location in the Appalachian Plateau Region with high elevation, temperatures in Garrett County can drop below freezing as early as October. Ski enthusiasts begin to watch for accumulation in November and have been known to still be skiing on Easter. Late December through February are usually the best months for gliding on the snow, and the varied terrain offers a great ski experience for the beginner to the backcountry explorer.

Campgrounds

• = *On Site*
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PRIVATELY-OWNED CAMPGROUNDS	BOATS Rentals: Launching	Sail Boats	Canoes	Paddle Boats	Row Boats	Boat Slips—	CAMPING: Improved	Unimproved	Drinking Water	Reservation	Bathhouse	Play Area/Ground	Dumping Station	Fireplaces	Tables	Concessions: Food & Drink	Vending	Camp Store	LP Gas—	TRAILS: Hiking	Horseback	Nature	GENERAL: Picnicking	Shelters	Swimming	Fishing	Cabins	Winter Activities—	Attractions: Scenic*	Water
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LITTLE MEADOWS 301-895-5675 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Grantsville, MD 21536					•		90	20	•		•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•

All smiles and ready to go fishing.

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New Germany and Herrington Manor offer wide, well marked, groomed trails. Warming lodges at each park provide trail maps, snow conditions and weather information. These are also popular spots for lunch stops, warming up by the fire and meeting new people.

More advanced skiers will find challenging trails in both parks. The natural terrain of the mountains provides hills for climbing, sliding, and turning. The backcountry experience abounds in the State Forests. Maps are available at State offices. For information on ski conditions please check the website at **www.skimaryland.com**. Cross-country ski rentals are available from Deep Creek Outfitters, High Mountain Sports (please see their ads) or Herrington Manor State Park 301-334-9180.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS—For family entertainment at Deep Creek Lake, Funland offers The Climbing Wall, Water Wars, video arcade, go-carts, carousel, bumper cars, miniature golf, pizza, ice cream, subs and more. The Fun Zone Family Entertainment Center offers a restaurant, two new go-cart tracks, a bumper boat pool, miniature golf, Lazer Tag, an arcade with Pokemon and virtual racing, batting cages and a free playground 'ship'. For more information, see the display advertisements in this guidebook.

FISHING—Fishing in Garrett County waters is one of the area's most exciting and rewarding sports. Maryland's largest freshwater lake, Deep Creek Lake, is the center of fishing activity in the region. Garrett County holds 8 of the Maryland State Records: Bluegill – 3 lbs. 7 oz., 8/9/98, Deep Creek Lake; Northern Pike – 24 lbs. 12 oz., 10/16/99, Deep Creek Lake; Yellow Perch – 2 lbs. 6 oz., 6/8/83, Deep Creek Lake; Brook Trout – 6 lbs. 1.75 oz., 4/10/99, North Branch of the Potomac; Brown Trout – 12 lbs. 14 oz., 5/21/00, Deep Creek Lake; Cutthroat Trout – 7 lbs. 9 oz., 5/20/00, North Branch of the Potomac, Rainbow Trout – 14 lbs. 3 oz., 10/21/87, Savage River Reservoir and Walleye – 14 lbs 4 oz.,5/16/98, Jennings Randolph Lake.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers 'Free Fishing Days' on June 2, 9 and July 4, 2001. (No fishing license is required to fish in Maryland on these days.)

Excellent fishing for brown, rainbow and brook trout is available in Garrett County streams. Special regulation areas on the Savage and Casselman Rivers, numerous stocked streams and a multitude of native brook trout streams provide anglers with a variety of quality trout fishing possibilities. For a list of stocked streams and applicable regulations, consult the Maryland Sportfishing Guide, which is available from sellers of fishing licenses.

The Garrett County Fishing Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Johnny's Bait House, is held annually May 1 through September 30. Awards are given for the season's largest catches, and weekly winners are also given an emblem and citation. Fish must be registered at Johnny's Bait House on Route 219 at Deep Creek Lake.

End of Season—2000
40th Annual Fishing Contest Winners:

Bluegill—15 oz., 11-3/4 inches, caught by Bob Wagler, Pittsburgh, PA

Brown Trout—5 lb, 10 oz., 24 inches, caught by Bill Gould, Markleysburg, PA

Chain Pickerel—3 lbs, 11 oz., 26-1/4 inches, caught by Dan Murray, Islip, NY

Crappie—1 lb, 11 oz., 14-3/4 inches, caught by Harold Talbott, Friendsville, MD

Largemouth Bass—5 lbs, 5 oz., 21-1/2 inches, caught by Ivan Brewer, Baltimore, MD

Northern Pike—15 lbs, 2 oz., 39 inches, caught by Steven Hedrick, Martinsburg, WV

Rainbow Trout— 3 lb, 21 inches, caught by Cobenn Bolden, Oakland, MD

Smallmouth Bass— 3 lb, 9 oz., 19-7/8 inches, caught by Ernest Pisarcik, N. Huntingdon, PA

Yellow Perch—1 lb, 4 oz., 15-1/2 inches, caught by Kevin Beckman, Mtn. Lake Park, MD

Walleye— 8 lb, 5 oz., 28 inches, caught by James Lloyd, Acme, PA

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FLATWATER PADDLING— For flatwater paddlers there are many smaller lakes within a 25-mile radius of Deep Creek, which do not allow powerboats. Each one has its own special character and is a peaceful experience at any time of the year. The Savage Reservoir, easily accessed at the Dry Run Road 'put in', has a wilderness feel due to its location within the Savage River State Forest. Views from the water are of steep mountains and wildlife experiences are numerous. New Germany and Herrington Manor State Parks offer canoe rentals and other person-powered boats, which offer a great variety for families and teenagers. Both lakes have easy access for launching your own canoe. Broadford Lake, near the town of Oakland, has 140 acres of shallow water and a boat launch inside Broadford Park.

FLY-FISHING—Garrett County has numerous and unique fly-fishing opportunities. All state record trout were caught in Garrett County. Brook Trout – 6 lbs. 1.75 oz. in the North Branch of the Potomac; Brown Trout – 12 lbs. 14 oz. in Deep Creek Lake; Cutthroat Trout – 7 lbs. 9 oz. in the North Branch of the Potomac and Rainbow Trout 14 lbs. 3 oz in the Savage River Reservoir. Garrett County offers miles of pure, cold mountain rivers, streams and lakes and has become one of the premier destination fisheries in the United States. A detailed Fly Fishing brochure is available at the Visitors Center or the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce 301-387-4386 or **www.flyfishmaryland.com** . What makes Garrett County so attractive, is not only the miles of fishing opportunity, but also the extraordinary diversity of fishing located in a small geographical area. There are also several unique trout management areas in Garrett County. Below is a brief list of proven flies for each river. For the most current information and directions to all of Garrett County's fishing spots, call the DNR Regional Fisheries Office located on Kings Run Road 301-334-8218 or visit **www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/**.

Access to the North Branch tail water is through the small town of Elk Garden, West Virginia located south of Kitzmiller, MD and down into the river valley town of Barnum. It is recommended that you consult a map before setting out since Maryland and West Virginia have a reciprocal agreement on the North Branch—a valid license from either state is recognized from both sides of the river.

For the accomplished fly fisherman, the Savage River's tail water's wild Brown and Brook trout offer the ultimate fly-fishing challenge. Special regulations on the river offer a year round fishing opportunity.

The following represents some fly patterns, which have a proven track record on the waters of Western Maryland. These recommendations are based on the combined experience of such venerable local anglers as Sull McCartney, Ken Pavol, Gary Yoder and professional area fishing guides.

Savage River trophy area: early season-April: blue quill (#16-18), Hendrickson's (#12) blue wing olive (#18) Midges (#20) fished down stream area often taken on the turn. May/June: Caddis (#14-18), blue wing olive (#18-20) Late June-Sulphurs (#20), Midges. Summer: Caddis (#14-18), Midges, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, beetles). Nymphs: pheasant tails, bird's nest, various beadheads, hare's ear, small wooly buggers.

Youghiogheny: No-Kill Area. Same as Savage River but add big green drake by late May into early June. Caddis most important in late spring and summer hatch with caddis emerges (LaFontaine) very effective.

North Branch Potomac River: Blue wing olive beginning early and continuing into November. Caddis important throughout summer. Large stone fly nymphs (perlids size 8 or 10) important in North Branch Delayed Harvest Area.

Casselman River: Caddis most effective dry. Wooly buggers, yarn flies (egg patterns) and beadheads are effective.

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River and flatwater paddling are both popular activities in Garrett County.

GOLF—Garrett County features two public 18-hole championship golf courses. The Oakland Golf Club, which is open from April to October, offers a pro shop as well as a Club House with dining room and lounge. This course is 10 miles from Deep Creek Lake, approximately 1 mile from Oakland on the Oakland-Sang Run Road. The annual Western Maryland Men's Amateur Golf Championships are held here each year in early August.

The Golf Club at Wisp is located at the Wisp Resort in McHenry. This 18-hole golf course is recognized as one of the best in Maryland and has been named in *Golf Digest Magazine* as one of America's top 500 places to play. The golf shop is located in the lower level of the McHenry House, and a variety of restaurants are available on premises. The Club also boasts a driving range complete with practice green and sand trap and is also lighted for night use.

Both golf courses also feature rental equipment and lessons. See the display advertisements in this guidebook for further information.

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Complete golf services from practice ranges to lessons are available at both Garrett County 18-hole golf courses.

HIKING—Garrett County has a hiking trail for outdoor enthusiasts of every age and hiking ability. Whether you prefer a stroll along the waterfront to watch the sunset at Deep Creek Lake, enjoy a climb up the mountain for an aerial view of the Monroe Run Vista, or seek the solitude of a more challenging trail deep inside the State Forests and Parks, Garrett County hiking trails are for you.

In addition every season has its own rewards. Spring brings high water in the streams and rivers making it the perfect time to visit Swallow Falls State Park. The highest free falling waterfall in Maryland and two smaller falls are located there. Summer surrounds you with the greenery of ferns and leaves of the oaks and maples. Many of the mountain trails are covered with the blooms of millions of mountain laurel and rhododendron during June and July. In the fall, trails are sprinkled with colors of orange, yellow and red. In the winter, a conversion can be made to snowshoes and hiking takes on a whole new "feel".

Maps are available at the local state parks and the Garrett County Visitors Center. Many hiking and other trail guides are also available from High Mountain Sports (See ad on page 105).

HORSEBACK RIDING—One of the most relaxing ways to get away from it all and enjoy the area's spectacular scenery is on horseback. Small Oaks Riding Stables near Oakland, Sunny Slopes Riding Stables near Deer Park, and Broken Bar Stables near Swanton, and Western Trails Riding Stables near Deep Creek Lake offer year-round guided trail rides by the hour or half-hour, with package rides available for both beginning and expert riders. Sleigh/Hay rides, overnight camping and group rides are also available at some stables. See the display advertisements in this guidebook for further information.

HUNTING—The wings of a pheasant beat diagonally across the sky, you swing the gun, in one smooth motion, you fire! The pheasant drops to the ground... you know you have met the challenge. Wings of Challenge offers bird hunting with your dog or theirs or guided hunts for turkey or whitetail deer. Please see their ad on page 109. Garrett County has been recognized as an exceptional hunting destination for two centuries. Areas open to the public include Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area, Deep Creek Lake State Park, Garrett State Forest, Potomac State Forest and the Savage River State Forest. These combine to make a total of over 80,000 acres of public hunting land maintained by the State. Deer hunting, with a harvest of over 6,258 last year, has always been popular. Because of the numerous amounts of turkeys, Garrett County offers two seasons. Last year the spring turkey harvest was 511 and the fall was 162. Small game heavily populate the woods of the area such as rabbits, grouse and squirrels. Hunters must purchase a valid hunting license from a MD DNR licensing agent. Local sporting goods stores provide licenses and supplies (see advertisements in this guidebook). It is the licensee's responsibility to follow State hunting rules and regulations. Follwing are Garrett County specific hunting dates. Deer Firearm Season is Nov. 24, 2001 to Dec. 8, 2001, Youth Day is Nov. 10th; Deer Bow Season is Sept. 15, 2001 through Oct. 17, 2001, Oct. 22, 2001 through Nov. 23, 2001, Dec. 10, 2001

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through Dec. 14, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2001 through Jan. 31, 2002; Deer Muzzleloader Season is Oct. 18, 2001 through Oct. 20, 2001, Oct. 26, 2001 through Oct. 27, 2001 and Dec. 15, 2001 through Dec. 29, 2001. People are encouraged to report a Natural Resource poaching violation to 800-635-6124, Catch-A-Poacher Hotline. All other violations, land or water should be reported to Natural Resources Police at 301- 777-7771.

ICE CLIMBING—Ready for real adventure... Try ice climbing in mountainous Garrett County. There are sites in Savage River Forest but Swallows Falls State Park has to be the most spectacular. Guided trips can be organized with the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 am to 4 pm. Arrangements must be made in advance.

ICE FISHING—Increasingly, ice fishing has become a favorite winter pastime on Deep Creek Lake and Savage River Reservoir. The best months are January and February. Yellow perch and walleye provide most of the action, although other species such as northern pike, trout, pickerel, crappie and bass are frequently caught. A list of regulations for ice fishing can also be found in the Sportfishing Guide. Please observe the following rules:

1. No vehicle except emergency vehicles shall be permitted on the ice of Deep Creek Lake at any time.

2. No swimming or diving shall be permitted in any area of Deep Creek Lake where waters are covered by ice.

3. Fishermen should exercise caution at times when ice conditions are unsafe due to weather conditions or lake level fluctuations.

KAYAKING—Join one of the fastest growing water sports in the U.S. New enthusiasts and veteran paddlers will find a wealth of paddling opportunities in Garrett and the surrounding areas. Double bladed paddles and sleek boat designs offer a symmetry of motion that is more of a dance than an athletic endeavor.

Touring - Paddling the quiet water of area lakes in a recreational touring kayak is a great way to interact with nature. Touring kayaks like to go straight and fast and allow you to enjoy your surroundings and companions. Mid-week summer mornings or spring and fall weekends on Deep Creek Lake offer opportunities for solitude and exploration in its many coves. Bring your own boat or rent one from a local outfitter. Herrington, Broadford and New Germany lakes offer quieter areas great for family outings and their park offices have limited boats available. For the more adventurous the grand expanses of Youghiogheny, Jennings Randolph and Savage Reservoirs offer miles of paddling.

Whitewater - Garrett County is the hub for whitewater kayak enthusiasts. Over 30 whitewater runs ranging from beginner (Class 2) to expert (Class 5) can be found within an hour of Deep Creek Lake. For the enthusiast, spring is the season. April showers bring whitewater to the mountains. The Potomac, Youghiogheny, Casselman, Cheat and Savage Rivers all flow from the heart of Garrett. Summer is also a good time to paddle as local dam projects provide reliable water throughout the year. For those starting out, several area outfitters offer kayak instruction or inflatable kayak trips on local rivers. Please see their ads in this Vacation Guide. The gem of Garrett paddling, known locally as the "Upper Yough," attracts expert paddlers from around the country for its tight technical Class V water. Whether creeking, running big water or play boating you'll want to come back again and again for the adventure.

MINIATURE GOLF—Family fun and for the young at heart. There are three miniature golf courses open seasonally at Deep Creek Lake. A&D Dairy Delite, Funland, and FunZone's Frontier Adventure Golf. For more information, see the display advertisements in this guidebook.

MOUNTAIN BIKING—Just west of the Eastern Continental Divide running through Garrett County lie miles of sparsely traveled country roads. These offer panoramic vistas of farmlands folded among beautiful mountain scenery. This pristine mountain setting offers a perfect opportunity for a road cyclists' dream getaway. The State Highway Administration has provided 10-foot shoulders for safe riding on Routes 135, 495, and 219. Maryland Bicycle maps are available from the Visitors Center on Rt. 219 just north of Deep Creek Lake or by calling 301-387-4386 or visit **www.garrettchamber.com** .

Garrett County's topography is largely mountainous. The average elevation is 2,300 feet with the highest point reaching 3,360 feet. Due to the wide-open spaces of this vast area, rides can vary in length and difficulty. Around Deep Creek Lake, riders can find gently rolling routes with a few short climbs and rewarding views of the lake and mountains. The 5.5-mile (11 miles roundtrip) trail between Herrington Manor State Park and Swallow Falls State Park is the most popular in the

county following the white blazed cross-country ski trail. Families with children might look to the graveled path along Deep Creek Lake State Park from the boat ramp or to the newly created Yough Glades Paved Trail in the town of Oakland. For those looking for more of a challenge, the surrounding mountains offer opportunities for big ascents and the payback of long downhill glides. Each season provides a dramatic change in scenery from farmers plowing and planting in the spring, to fields of rolled hay and stacked dried corn shocks in shades of gold, orange and brown in the autumn.

Garrett Association of Mountain Bike Operators (GAMBO) has been creating and maintaining single track in Garrett County. They have put an 8-mile singletrack loop at the Margraff Plantation in the Savage River State Forest, which is just plain awesome! This trail should be completed for use by the Spring of 2001.

Destination riding can be extremely rewarding as well. Once you get here you can park your car and do all sightseeing by bike. Adventurous cyclists can discover the highest free falling waterfall in Maryland, explore a sub-arctic swamp, or view a virgin hemlock forest.

High Mountain Sports on Deep Creek Lake offers guided mountain bike tours, maps, and mountain bike rentals. Please see their ad.

NIGHTLIFE—Party in Garrett County with live music and DJs. For an entertainment schedule, pick up the *LakeFront Magazine* at area businesses or the Garrett County Visitors Center or check the Internet at **www.deepcreektimes.com** or **www.deepcreekmagazine.com** .

PICNICKING—On a mountaintop, under a sprawling maple tree, by a fast moving brook, or in quiet seclusion, picnic opportunities are numerous in Garrett County. All state parks and recreation areas have picnic areas. Several state roadside park locations are to be found in the area: Route 40, three miles west of Grantsville; Route 219, two miles south of Keysers Ridge overlooking the Cove and 3.3 miles north of Oakland on Rt. 219. Maryland's State Forests and Parks are now "Trash Free." Trashcans have been removed from the day use areas to improve the appearance of the park and to ensure a more enjoyable experience for you. Free trash bags are distributed and visitors are asked to take their trash with them and encouraged to recycle.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT—The cool wind in your face, a big wave...airborne. Personal Watercraft are welcome in Garrett County. Bring your own personal watercraft to ride one of Garrett County's three beautiful lakes; Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph or Youghiogheny River Lake. There are some riding restrictions for Deep Creek Lake, please see the Boating section. You may also rent personal watercraft on Deep Creek from the Aquatic Center or Silver Tree Marine. Check out their ads. Add some excitement to your visit with some wet fun!

REPELLING—Before you lies a view that simply takes your breath away. Dark green forested mountains, a furious whitewater stream and a beautiful clear blue sky. You stand on a jagged outcrop, and ready yourself for the descent. Guided trips can be organized with the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 am to 4 pm. Arrangements must be made in advance.

ROCK CLIMBING—The rocky, mountainous nature of Garrett County offers climbers an exhilarating experience. Nearby Cooper's Rock and Seneca Rocks offer beginning through advanced climbing opportunities. Bring your own equipment or make prior arrangements for a guide with the Adventuresport Institute at 301-387-3330 M-F, 9 am to 4 pm.

SAILING—Looking for Serenity? Sail Deep Creek Lake. Good winds, pleasant weather and great scenery at every tack. Sailing is not a new sport here, it first began in the 1930's. Flying Scot Sailboats are manufactured and sold right here at Deer Park, 301-334-4848 or visit **www.flyingscot.com** . Appointments are

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Kayaking – one of the fastest growing water sports in the U.S.

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Snowboarding rules at Wisp Resort! © L. Bell

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available. There are well over 5,300 Flying Scots in existence with #1 still sailing!

The Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association (DCYRA) sailboat races are held every weekend Memorial Day to Labor Day. The races are laid out over various courses in the southern end of the lake below the Glendale Bridge for Flying Scots and Lasers. Saturday offers two races with 4 starts beginning at noon and 3 starts beginning at 2:30 pm. Sunday races feature 4 starts beginning at 1 pm. The DCYRA will hold a regatta on July 28th and 29th, 2001. For details please visit the web page at **www.saildeepcreek.com** or 301-387-4159. The Deep Creek Sailing School offers on-the-water sailing lessons. Visit the above website or call 301-387-4497. Regretfully, you cannot currently rent a sailboat but please bring your own and enjoy beautiful Deep Creek Lake.

SCUBA DIVING—Deep Creek Lake covered a lot of history when it began to fill 75 years ago! Scuba Divers can explore a vehicle with wooden spoke wheels near Red Run Cove, foundations of farmhouses, an Indian hunting camp that lies quietly near Glendale Bridge and much more. Imagine natural springs bubbling from the bottom as you move weightlessly through them. Jennings Randolph and Youghiogheny River Lake offer good visibility and varying temperatures. This is altitude diving at its' finest. Garrett County invites you to discover and explore its' underwater world. Breathe Deep Scuba at nearby Mt. Storm Lake, which reaches 94° in the summer season, offers air fills and a full line of equipment sales & rentals and diver education. 304-693-7282.

SKYDIVING—That's right! You can now experience the exhilarating thrill of a lifetime at Deep Creek Lake. Catch some good clean air with Adventure Skydiving Deep Creek.

Imagine... As the door slides open, you don't know if you have the nerve to look down. Seconds away from leaping into the big blue sky—the earth spreads out before you in a patchwork of mosaic color. You push your heart back into your chest... Instantly a 100 mph blast of cool clean air presses against your face. After free falling for nearly a minute, your parachute opens a mile from the ground. Then suddenly, silence. No wind. No plane. Just a spectacular view below. Your tandem master and you now glide to a graceful landing at the airport on top of a mountain to the cheers of your family and friends.

You've always wanted to! Now here's your chance to experience skydiving attached to the most experienced and qualified instructors. Certification and jumps available. Call 800-753-4155 for reservations and information.

SLEDDING—You pull your sled to the top of a quarter mile run. The packed powder spreads before you. You leap on the sled and plummet over the rim flying down the long straight run. Swish...swoosh and you glide to a quiet finish. Sledding is everywhere. If you forgot your sled don't worry. Stop at Herrington Manor State Park 301-334-9180, and rent one for $3 for1/2 day or $6 for a full day. They also have several runs to ride on.

SNOWBOARDING—Snowboarding rules at Wisp Resort! Snowboard technique resembles surfing more than skiing. Snowboarders at Wisp use the same lifts and trails as the Alpine skiers and follow the same rules of the slopes. Additionally, Wisp offers a halfpipe and terrain park for snowboarders. The halfpipe is 400' long and 30' wide with high-banked walls. Snowboarders maneuver in the halfpipe much like a skateboarder. Competitions in both halfpipe and slalom are staged at Wisp throughout the season. Wisp also offers snowboard rentals and lessons.

SNOWMOBILING—This exciting sport offers thrills for both young and old. Snowmobiling is permitted in the State Forests on marked trails. Maps of existing snowmobile trails and general information are available from the State Forest offices or the Chamber office. Snowmobiles are not available for rent. Please bring your own. You may not ride a snowmobile on or adjacent to public highways except to cross at a 90-degree angle. You may not cross a limited access highway. Snowmobile permits are required to utilize trails in any Maryland State Park. Usage is permitted between December 15 and March 15. Permits are $15.00 for the 4-month period and are only available at some State Park Offices. Additional information regarding snowmobiling laws may be obtained from the Maryland State Police at 301-387-1101.

SNOWSHOEING—Outside a fresh blanket of white snow... you bundle up and leave the warmth of your fire...to a white and silent winter wonderland. Snowshoeing is hiking of the snow variety. You can rent snowshoes at Herrington Manor State Park for $11 1/2 day

or $13 full day or purchase them at High Mountain Sports and get back to the quiet serenity of the white covered woodlands. There are 160 miles of established hiking trails on Garrett County public lands just waiting to take you to a peaceful winter calm.

SPORTING CLAYS—The clay target moves, you sight in your quarry and fire. Bingo! 17 different clay stations offer a variety of shooting situations. Rent a gun or bring your own and enjoy a day of shooting sport. Open year round by appointment. Contact Wings of Challenge. See ad on page 109.

SWIMMING—Thick, forested mountains rising out of clear, shiny water—a long stroke and a bubbling kick—swimming in Garrett County is a remarkable experience. Although the 7 lakes offer a variety of water sports, swimming is the most common. There are sandy, lifeguarded beaches at Deep Creek Lake, Herrington Manor, and New Germany State Parks, Broadford Lake Park, Jennings Randolph and the Youghiogheny Dam Lake. All have picnicking facilities and bathhouses, many offer boat rentals. Details are in the park descriptions on pages 36-38. If you perfer an indoor setting, there is also a heated Olympic sized swimming pool in the area. Information is available at the Visitors Center or by telephoning 301-387-4386.

TENNIS—The ever-popular sport of tennis offers fun and challenge, and there are several courts throughout the county open to the public. The Western Maryland Tennis Championships, the oldest tennis event in Maryland, is held the first weekend of August at the Mt. Lake Park Tennis Club on clay courts. 301-334-4641 or 301-387-8371.

Grantsville Town Park—Located at Exit 19 off Interstate 68; four asphalt courts are open during daylight hours; no fee.

Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club—Located off Route 135 in Mt. Lake Park. Four clay courts are open during daylight hours; fee.

Northern Middle School—Located behind Northern High School off Route 219 in Accident. Two courts available when school isn't in session; daylight hours. No fee.

Southern Middle School—Located off Broadford Road, Oakland. Courts open when school isn't in session; daylight hours. No fee.

Wisp Resort—Located on Marsh Hill Road, McHenry. Two new tennis courts open to the public for a fee; 9 am to 10 pm. For information, call 301-387-5581.

THEATERS—Garrett 8 Cinemas is showing today's movies with tomorrow's technology. Located on Rt. 219 near Glendale Road, Garrett 8 is one of a handful of theaters in the nation to have a massive screen in the lobby running continuous movie previews. The eight theaters vary in size and focus on the comfort of the viewer with such details as love seats, wider spaces between rows and aids for the hearing challenged. Four of the cinemas feature digital surround sound for a more intense viewing experience. For movie schedule information, call 301-387-2500.

WAKEBOARDING—Wakeboarding is going huge in Garrett County! Local riders are rippin'. The Bust Largeness' Wakeboard Contest is a spectacular event that attracts competitors from several states. Visit the local marinas for boat rentals and retailers for all your water sports gear. Remember all ski boats must have an observer, over the age of 12 and you must keep your boat and skier at least 100 feet from shore, docks and other boats.

WATER SKIING—HIT IT!!!! The phrase pumps adrenaline through the veins of beginners and expert water skiers alike. Water skiing is often a chilling experience in Garrett County on Deep Creek, Jennings Randolph or Youghiogheny River Lakes. Wetsuits, which are available at several retail shops can make your skiing more enjoyable and extend your ski season by several months.

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Wakeboarding is going huge in Garrett County! © L. Bell

Garrett County Forests, Parks & Lakes

CAMPING IN MARYLAND STATE PARKS

Individual parks vary in times of operation, service charges, etc. It is recommended that you call the specific State Park for further information. Please refer to the chart on the following page. Campers are not permitted to enter the camping area after 10 p.m. Several State Park campgrounds accept pets, call for information. Swallow Falls now has 5 "equipped sites" (tent, stove, lantern, propane provided).

TRAILERS

Camping trailers up to 29 feet in length are permitted. Electric hookups are available at various state parks. House trailers are not permitted.

IMPROVED CAMPGROUNDS

Each campsite allows sufficient room to park one car and a camping trailer, or to park one car and erect a tent up to 16'. (Sometimes off-site parking is necessary). A picnic table and grill are provided at each site, and drinking fountains and water spigots are located nearby. Camping areas contain centrally located washhouses, equipped with toilets, lavatories and showers with hot water available. Laundry tubs are available in some parks during the summer. Deep Creek and Swallow Falls State Parks will accept specific site reservations up to one year in advance.

UNIMPROVED CAMPGROUNDS

These sites also allow ample room for the parking of one car and a camping trailer, or the erection of a tent; however, in some areas off-site parking may be necessary. Tables and fireplaces are available and a source of water and a comfort station are within walking distance. Comfort stations are equipped with toilets only.

CABINS

Cabins may be reserved for one week intervals from Memorial Day through Labor Day and for two night minimum stays for all other months of the year.

Prospective cabin renters may directly call the park to make those reservations. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Reservations may be made up to nine (9) months in advance of the desired date. Some cabins are handicapped accessible.

Reservations must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit.

When making reservations, the person must provide names, addresses, number of people and telephone numbers for each of the reservations made. For reservations, call the statewide reservation number: 1-888-432-CAMP.

CAMPING IN MARYLAND STATE FORESTS

Maryland State Forests have primitive campsites without man-made improvements. Potomac/ Garrett State Forest offers pine shelters at a $10 fee. Campers may self-register at various sites throughout the area at a $5 fee. Pets are permitted in Maryland State Forests.

Season: Open all year; unlimited camping hours, quiet time 11 p.m.

Fun in the Sun at Deep Creek Lake State Park. © L. Bell

GARRETT STATE FOREST— Mountain forests, streams and valleys make up the 7,400 acres in Garrett State Forest. In 1906 the Garrett brothers of the B&O Railroad fame gave the State of Maryland 2,000 acres of forest land providing that a state forestry department be established to manage the area. The donated area was originally named Swallow Falls State Forest. The name was changed in 1976 to Garrett State Forest in honor of the donors. Pets are invited to accompany responsible owners. For information, call (301) 334-2038.

POTOMAC STATE FOREST— This forest contains 12,400 acres of trees, streams and wildlife. It is located along Backbone Mountain near the headwaters of the historic Potomac River. The terrain is rugged with elevations ranging from 1,800 feet along the Potomac to 2,960 feet on Backbone Mountain. This steep gradient gives rise to numerous fast falling brooks and streams which feed the river. Several of the larger streams are Schell, Laurel, Lostland Run and Crabtree Creek. The possibilities for recreation in the forest are, for the most part, of a primitive nature. It offers scenic vistas, camping, hunting, fishing, biking and nature appreciation. Various activities are offered throughout the year. Feel free to bring your pet. For information, call (301) 334-2038.

SAVAGE RIVER STATE FOREST—This is the largest of Maryland's State Forests and contains over 53,000 acres of forestland, streams and wildlife habitat for your enjoyment. This forest is located in Garrett County and forms part of the Appalachian Plateau. Within the Savage River Forest are two State Parks—New Germany and Big Run. These are developed recreational areas offering housekeeping cabins, picnicking, improved campsites and other facilities. Also within the forest is the 360-acre Savage River Reservoir. The forest offers camping, hiking, sightseeing, fishing, hunting, biking & winter sports. Pets are a welcome addition. For information, call (301) 895-5759.

PARK WATCH

Maryland State Forest and Park Service has implemented a PARK WATCH Program. The objective is to encourage park visitors and neighbors to take a more active role in protecting personal property and preserving the park. If you observe any suspicious activity, vandalism or safety hazards, you are asked to report them to the PARK WATCH Hotline 1-800-825-PARK.

BIG RUN STATE PARK— 301-895-5453. With 300 acres in Garrett County, Big Run State Park offers rustic camping opportunities with 30 unimproved campsites and a youth group camping area. Situated at the mouth of the Savage River Reservoir, the park is 16 miles from Exit 24 of Interstate 68. The park is actually surrounded by the acreage of Savage River State Forest and visitors to the area have an even wider array of recreational opportunities with the facilities at all of these public land sites in Western Maryland. With a boat launch, Big Run is a popular base camp for outdoor-lovers intent on fishing, camping, hiking or hunting. Pets are permitted at campsites. Big Run is the trailhead for a 6-mile hiking trail, known as Monroe Run. There is a rental picnic pavilion, which can accommodate 100 people and available by reservation.

CASSELMAN RIVER BRIDGE STATE PARK—301-895-5453. (4 acres. In Garrett County, east of Grantsville on U.S. Route 40.) The beautiful, 80-foot stone arch bridge was part of the old National Road. When constructed in 1813, it was the largest of its kind in the world.

DEEP CREEK LAKE STATE PARK—301-387-5563. 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD, 21561. (1,818 acres. In Garrett County, 10 miles northeast of Oakland, on the east side of Deep Creek Lake, off U.S. Route 219.) Deep Creek Lake

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STATE PARK	BOATS Rentals						CAMPING									Cabins			Concessions			Interpretive				TRAILS					GENERAL						Attractions			Directions
	Launching	Sail Boats	Canoes	Paddle Boats	Row Boats	Boat Slips	Improved	Unimproved	Drinking Water	Reservation	Winterized	Maximum Sites	RV Sites	Play Area	Firerings/grill	Tables	Reservations	Furnished	Year-round	Snackbar	Vending	Camp Store	Interpretive Center	Naturalist	Campfire Program	Guided Walks	Hiking	Cross-Country Ski	Horseback	Nature	Snowmobile	Picnicking	Shelters	Swimming	Fishing	Hunting	Winter Activities	Historic	Scenic	Water	
BIG RUN—New Germany State Park, 349 Headquarters Ln. Grantsville, MD 21536, (301) 895-5453 / (301) 746-8359	•							•	•		•	30			•	•								•	•		•		•			•	•		•	•		•	•	•	14 miles south of Grantsville
CASSELMAN— Bridge State Park, 349 Headquarters Ln. Grantsville, MD 21536, (301) 895-5453 / (301) 746-8359									•															•								•			•			•	•	•	1/4 mile east of Grantsville adjacent to Rt. 40
DEEP CREEK LAKE— 898 State Park Rd. Swanton, MD 21561 (301) 387-5563	•				•	•	•		•	•		112	2	•	•	•						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3 miles south of McHenry, on the Lake
HERRINGTON MANOR— 222 Herrington Ln. Oakland, MD 21550 (301) 334-9180	•		•	•	•									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	5 miles northwest of Oakland on County Rt. 20
NEW GERMANY—349 Headquarters Ln. Grantsville, MD 21536 (301) 895-5453 or (301) 746-8359	•		•	•	•		•		•	•		39		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	6 miles south of Rt. 40, off Rts. 40 & 219, Grantsville
SWALLOW FALLS—222 Herrington Ln. Oakland, MD 21550, (301) 334-9180							•		•	•		65	1	•	•	•					•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	•	9 miles northwest of Oakland, on Swallow Falls Rd.
YOUGHIOGHENY SCENIC & WILD RIVER—898 State Park Road Swanton, MD 21561, (301) 387-5563																																			•				•	•	Between Miller's Run & town limits of Friendsville

Kickin' back at Swallow Falls State Park. © K. Haines

State Park fronts on a 6 square mile, man-made lake. Water sports of all kinds are popular, and in the winter the park offers 6 miles of snowmobile trails. Deep Creek Lake is Western Maryland's premier destination resort. Pets are invited to join their responsible owners at their designated campsites and on the trails. The Park offers camping, swimming, picnicking, boat launching, interpretive programs, hiking, and a variety of recreational opportunities in the resort area.

HERRINGTON MANOR STATE PARK—301-334-9180. (365 acres. In Garrett County, 5 miles northwest of Oakland, on County Route 20.) Located in the middle of Garrett State Forest, Herrington Manor State Park features a 53-acre lake and many wooded trails. In the winter months, the park offers cross-country ski trails along with ski rentals. 20 log cabins are available to rent.

MT. NEBO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA—301-334-4255 Nestled in the mountains of Garrett County, this 2,000-acre tract of land protects one of the most unique wetlands in Maryland, a red spruce bog. Bogs are more typically found in northern states and Canada, but the mountain's elevation here makes ideal conditions for this special wetland. Beaver ponds, alder thickets and sedge meadows along with 1,500 acres of forest and 40 acres of fields make Mt. Nebo a prime destination for outdoor sportsmen and nature lovers.

NEW GERMANY STATE PARK—301 895-5453. (455 acres. In Garrett County, 5 miles south of Grantsville on New Germany Road, off U.S. 168) New Germany State Park is built on the site of a once-prosperous milling center in Savage River State Forest, and features a 13-acre lake and 11 rental cabins. Trails for hiking in summer and cross-country skiing in winter lead through typical Western Maryland forest lands.

SWALLOW FALLS STATE PARK— 301 334-9180. (257 acres. In Garrett County, 9 miles northwest of Oakland on Swallow Falls Road). This mountainous park contains some of Maryland's most breath-taking scenery. The Youghiogheny River flows along the park's borders, passing through shaded rocky gorges and creating rippling rapids. Muddy Creek Falls is a crashing 53-foot waterfall — a spectacular sight. Tall hemlocks dominate the silent woods. Your pet is welcome at a designated campsite during the off season, please contact the park for specific information.

YOUGHIOHENY SCENIC & WILD RIVER—301 387-5563. The Youghiogheny River between Miller's Run and Friendsville, MD was designated as Maryland's first wild river. The goal of the state of Maryland is to provide for the cooperative management, preservation, and protection of the Youghiogheny River and it's outstanding scenic, geologic, historic, ecological, recreational, agricultural, fish, wildlife and cultural values. Approximately 2,500 acres of public lands are managed. Whitewater boating, trout fishing, hunting, & hiking are the dominant uses of the park.

For more detailed information about individual parks or forests, visit the website at: **http:/www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands**

Lakes

Federal

Jennings Randolph Lake— Corps of Engineers Office 304-355-2346. Jennings Randolph Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962 and the $175 million project was completed in 1982. The full recreation lake hosts boating (speed, personal watercraft, fishing, sail and rowing), fishing, water-skiing, scuba diving and many other activities. It is 5.5 miles long, has a 13.6 mile shoreline and covers 952 acres. The recreation area surrounding Jennings Randolph covers 4,500 acres. It offers a Visitor Center, picnic sites, pavilions, playgrounds, camping facility, interpretive trail, horseshoe pits & basketball court. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has a new boat launch which is accessible from Rt. 135 and Mt. Zion Rd. Call 301-334-9180 for information.

Youghiogheny River Lake— Corps of Engineers Office 814-395-3166. In the heart of the Laurel Highlands and spanning the Mason-Dixon Line lies Youghiogheny River Lake. Experience the clean waters and mountains, which provide an unsurpassed setting for outdoor recreation. The lake is 16 miles long and covers 2,840 acres. Visitors can camp, fish, motorboat, Jet Ski, sail, picnic and many other activities. Mill Run Access Area offers a Visitor Center, camping, boat launch, swimming facility and more. Call 301-746-5248 for more information.

State

Deep Creek Lake—Visitors Center 301-387-4386. Recreational options abound at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest freshwater lake, boating, swimming, fishing and sailing. Wisp, Maryland's only alpine ski resort, is adjacent to Deep Creek Lake and offers year-round resort and conference facilities, including an 18-hole championship golf course, as well as 23 trails for skiers of all abilities. Nearly every type of boat from sailboat, personal watercraft (PWC) to speedster can be seen on Deep Creek Lake. Local marinas have boats available for rental. Prices vary according to the size of the boat. Sailing on the lake is exceptional with races held every weekend during the season. There are lakefront cabins for rent with docks. Bring your boat and use it as the mode of travel. You can grocery shop, dine at several restaurants, visit the night spots, see a movie, get fishing bait or boating supplies all from your boat.

Herrington Manor Lake—301-334-9180. Offers 53 acres of water with a picnic area, snack bar, sandy, lifeguarded beach and paddle boats, rowboats, canoes and kayaks available to rent. The dam was con-structed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp during the Great Depression. It is stocked with trout, bass, crappie and catfish. All non-gasoline motor watercrafts are invited to use the facility.

New Germany Lake—301-895-5453. This small lake is nestled in the tranquil beauty of New Germany State Park. It features a sandy, lifeguarded beach with rowboat, paddle-boat and surfbike rentals. It is stocked with sport fish and is the center of activity in the park. Located just minutes from I-68, this lake is a favorite of campers.

Savage River Reservoir—301-895-5759. Majestic mountains rise out of this crystal clear water. You are invited to launch your own canoe, kayak or non-gasoline powered craft to enjoy some of the best sport fishing in the county. Game fish include Trout, Bass, Crappie, Walleye, Perch and Catfish. A catch and release Fly-Fishing area boasting 6 & 7 pound Brown and Rainbow Trout is located below the dam. Give this rugged environment a try, it is sure to please.

Municipal

Broadford Lake Park—301-334-9222. One of Oakland's municipal parks, it is located in the southern end of the county, 1 mile from Oakland. Canoes, sailboards, rowers and electric trolling crafts are invited to navigate the 140 acres of beautiful flatwater. Pets welcome in a designated area. The lake is regularly stocked with trout, crappie, bass and catfish. Amenities include a boat launch and docks, picnic areas, sandy swimming beach and lakehouse. The gates are locked during the winter months but access is permitted following the posted guidelines.

An Icy Day at Monroe Run Vista. © L. Bell

Attractions

ANTIQUES—Antique items are still used in many households in Garrett County. This is an old-fashioned area with old habits and morals. Old pieces were not discarded, rather they were familiar and kept in their usual spaces. Garrett County offers wonderful antique shopping at numerous quaint and unusual shops. Antiquing is so popular that a brochure has been created for it. Get a copy by contacting the Visitors Center at 301-387-4386 or **info@garrettchamber.com** .

BACKBONE MOUNTAIN—At an elevation of 3,360 feet, "Hoye Crest" on Backbone Mountain is the highest point in the State of Maryland. This high point was named for Capt. Charles Hoye, prominent historian and founder of the Garrett County Historical Society.

Backbone Mountain is actually a long mountain in the Allegheny range which begins in the Savage River area and runs southwest into West Virginia. The highest point in Maryland is located in the southern part of Garrett County about 500 feet from the Maryland-West Virginia boundary line.

Backbone Mountain is also the "Eastern Continental Divide." The east side of the mountain drains into the Atlantic Ocean via the Potomac River. The western slope drains into the Gulf of Mexico via the Youghiogheny River, which ultimately feeds water into the Mississippi River.

Hoye Crest is so near the State Line that the best access to it is from the West Virginia side of the line through Monongahela National Forest. An excellent hiking trail about one mile long begins on the east side of U.S. 219, 3/8 mile beyond Silver Lake, WV (5 miles south of Route 219 and Route 50 intersection at Red House, Maryland.)

The hiking trail has been cut out from an old lumber road by "High Pointers", volunteers under the direction of Gene and Lillian Elliott of Silver Spring, MD. They put a mail box on the steel pole that supports the historical marker at Hoye Crest. Inside the box are small certificates to prove that the hiker undertook the climb up the mountain trail and successfully reached the highest point in Maryland.

Maps showing where the trail begins on Route 219 can be obtained from the Garrett County Visitors Center at Deep Creek Lake, or by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 301-387-4FUN, E-Mail: **info@garrettchamber.com**

BEAR CREEK FISH REARING STATION—301-746-8148. The history of Garrett County is closely associated with its excellent trout fishing. Since the early 19th Century, sportsmen have come to the area for trout. Many records of phenomenal catches still exist. At the Bear Creek Fish Rearing Station on the Bear Creek Road near Friendsville, visitors can see the future catches in all stages of growth, from fingerlings up to 14-inch prizes. The pools are located in a green glade with large trees.

BROADFORD RECREATION AREA—A delightful park outside Oakland in Mt. Lake Park off Pittsburgh Avenue, this area boasts a 138-acre lake with 700 feet of beach. There is a bathhouse, concession building, boat ramp for non-motorized craft, & extensive picnic grounds. The emphasis is on swimming, picnicking and fishing.

Owned and operated by the town of Oakland, a nominal admission fee is charged and planned activities and events are held each weekend throughout the season.

THE COVE—Traveling on Route 219, you can see a panoramic view of one of the finest farming districts in the area. At a 2,800-foot elevation on the highway, the cove appears to be a huge amphitheater, surrounded on all sides by mountain ranges. Farms are laid out in soil-conserving contour strips. During the spring, summer and fall, an artist's painting could not be more picturesque. If traveling south from Interstate 68 on Route 219, the Cove scenic overlook is located on the right just a few miles north of Accident. The view is highly recommended.

CRAFTS—Garrett County offers an abundance of original crafts and

Broadford Lake — 138-acre lake with 700 feet of beach, near Oakland. © L. Bell

handcrafted items with many places serving as outlets to countless area craftsmen. All are open to the public and you are encouraged to visit and see examples of original handcrafted items. Spruce Forest Artisan Village offers visitors a truly unique opportunity to interact with artisans who are producing handmade items of exceptional craftsmanship. The village, which is located at Penn Alps in Grantsville, features the quality work of local artists such as stained glass, bird sculpture, weaving, spinning, basketry, pottery, ironwork, herbs, heirloom teddy bears, slate painting and furnishings for the home. Two big craft shows are held during the annual Autumn Glory Festival in mid-October and numerous other events offer an array of handmade crafts on display and for sale. Local craft outlets are listed in the Directory of Services.

Weaver at Spruce Forest Artisan Village in Grantsville. © K. Haines

THE CRANESVILLE SUB-ARCTIC SWAMP—One of nature's natural phenomena, the swamp covers over 500 acres of land that sprawls across the boundaries of Maryland and West Virginia. Formed during the Ice Age, this remnant of boreal forest produces growth normally found only in arctic regions and offers geologists, biologists and nature buffs the opportunity to observe many rare species of flora and fauna. The swamp is a true bog and during the wet seasons, traveling to the interior is nearly impossible. Visitors may view the perimeter of the swamp from public roads. A boardwalk has been constructed for easy visitor access. To preserve the fragile ecology of the swamp, visitors are requested to remain on the boardwalk or designated paths and removal of plants and animals is prohibited.

To reach the swamp access Herrington Manor Road. Cranesville Road is one mile southwest of Swallow Falls State Park and 2 miles northeast of Herrington Manor State Park; proceed 4 miles and just past Bell Ringer Originals In Wood, turn left on the Lake Ford Road at a sign marked "Cranesville Swamp Nature Preserve;" after traveling on this road approximately 2/10 mile, bear right at the fork onto another dirt road; in another 2/10 mile, turn right onto the dirt driveway and follow the driveway past the Preserve entrance sign and turn right into the parking area. To reach the boardwalk, walk past the entrance sign and follow the marked trail under the electric power lines. The swamp is now owned by The Nature Conservancy, 2 Wisconsin Circle, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

DEEP CREEK LAKE—Vacationers will find Deep Creek Lake the center of Garrett County's recreational attractions—the most ideal spot for a summer or winter vacation. The largest freshwater lake in Maryland, it is 12 miles in length with a shoreline of 65 miles, covering nearly 3,900 acres.

Built in 1925 by the Youghiogheny Electric Company, the lake was purchased by the Pennsylvania Electric Company in 1942. In July of 1980, the lake and buffer strip were leased to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to be managed as a public recreational resource. Entitled Deep Creek Lake NRMA, it is managed by the Maryland State Forest and Park Service – Public Lands.

A wide variety of activities abound, including boating, water skiing, fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, sailing, downhill and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Guests will find a number of campgrounds in the area. Motels, bed and breakfasts, cottages and condominiums also dot the shoreline, providing excellent accommodations. Many provide dock facilities, sandy beaches and swimming areas. Deep Creek Lake and the surrounding area also boast some of the finest dining establishments in the State.

DEEP CREEK LAKE DISCOVERY CENTER—Nestled along the shores of Deep Creek Lake at Deep Creek Lake State Park is the Discovery Center, an interpretive, environmental center, that is a one-of-a-kind educational venue for

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Cranesville Swamp © L. Bell

Attractions *(continued)*

children as well as adults. Through hands-on exhibits that showcase the natural resources of Western Maryland, families can learn about the flora and fauna, wildlife, cultural and historical heritage that have turned this former coal mining town into a popular modern day vacation destination. This facility highlights Deep Creek Lake and its watershed, industrial development in the area, and conservation issues facing the region today. History buffs will enjoy learning about the cultural and historical heritage of the region, including coal extraction from the former Brant Mine, and the role the mighty Youghiogheny River played in timber logging at the turn of the century. For additional info, 301-387-7067 or email: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**

EASTERN CONTINENTAL DIVIDE—The Eastern Continental Divide runs diagonally across Garrett County on the ridges of Backbone and Meadow Mountains. Rain falling to the east of these ridges is swept to the Potomac River and ends up in the Atlantic Ocean via the Chesapeake Bay. Precipitation falling on the western slopes cascades down to the mighty Youghiogheny and rides the Ohio to the Mississippi River and ends up in the Gulf of Mexico. The topography caused by these ridges is dramatic and accessible as public lands. This is proof that Garrett County is truly King of the Mountain in Maryland. Enjoy!

FAIRFAX STONE—The mighty Potomac River has very small beginnings. This rolling, sometimes raging, river forms most of the southern boundary for the state of Maryland. The Potomac River headwaters are at a point where the Garrett County (and Maryland) boundary joins with West Virginia's. The Fairfax Stone marker commemorates this significant location and is easily accessible from Route 219. Its position in Lord Fairfax's Estate and importance in determining the final boundary of West Virginia has given the Fairfax Stone a significant role in both regional and state history. Travel a few miles into West Virginia and turn left at the brown Fairfax Stone park sign located in the Fairfax Stone Operation. You will then travel past a thriving wetland area to the small park known as Fairfax Stone.

GARRETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE—The two-year college offers transfer programs in fine and performing arts, liberal arts, math-science, social and behavioral sciences, wildlife/fisheries, business administration, teacher education and general studies.

Career programs are offered in business management, natural resources and wildlife technology, office technology and adventure sports. The only Adventuresports Institute in the United States is located right here in Garrett County. Students graduating with an AA degree in adventure sports may transfer to Frostburg State University for a B.S. in recreation with an emphasis in adventure sports. For information, call 301-387-3000.

GARRETT COUNTY VISITORS CENTER—The new Garrett County Visitors Center is located at Deep Creek Lake on Route 219 near the intersection of Sang Run Road. This new center of tourism and hospitality offers a beautiful view of Deep Creek Lake and the ski slopes at Wisp Resort. This informational facility is open to assist visitors seven days a week year round. The great view, striking lighted displays and large variety of information available about attractions, accommodations, restaurants and recreational activities in Garrett County make it a "must see" for any visitor. The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, whose administrative offices are also housed in the building, operates the Center. For up-to-the-minute information about accommodations, ski and weather reports, call the Chamber of Commerce at (301) 387-4FUN (4386).

MAPLE SUGAR—Sugaring is older than the history of our nation. Indians tapped the trees long before the white man arrived. The art of sugaring is still practiced in Garrett County, basically unchanged from Indian days. Although one may see tractors instead of horses, the production techniques are much the same. In spite of the fact that a

maple must be 40 years old before it can be tapped, many groves still exist in Garrett County. One of the most beautiful is Brenneman's Grove, located near Bittinger. Sugaring takes place in the late winter or early spring and authentic Garrett County maple products are available from several stores in the area.

MUDDY CREEK FALLS— Muddy Creek Falls is in the Swallow Falls State Park within the Garrett State Forest. At 53 feet, it is the largest waterfall in the State of Maryland, and an area of scenic perfection. Framed by tall steep slopes covered with giant hemlock, it is an area of noble primitiveness.

The land beside the falls is the site of the 1918 camp of pioneer motor tourists Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone. These three titans of American industry, who had the world to pick from, chose to come to this site when they wanted to enjoy themselves. The site of the camp has been marked. The trio returned in 1921.

Situated in a cool, towering forest, the area has complete facilities for camping and picnicking. This 53-foot cataract is highly recommended to the nature lover and camera buff.

NEW GERMANY STATE PARK—This park, within Savage River State Forest, near Grantsville features a 13-acre lake with swimming beach, canoe, paddle and row boat rentals, hiking and cross-country ski trails, food concession, picnicking and cabin rentals.

OAKLAND TRAIN STATION —One of the oldest stations in the country, this Queen Anne-style station was built in 1884 after the B&O had developed a resort clientele for Oakland and Garrett County. The ground the station stands on was used by the B&O Railroad as early as 1851.

The Oakland station is now in the National Registry and is considered one of the most distinguished, historic depots in the country. It was built by the Baltimore firm of Baldwin and Pennington, which constructed a similar station in Laurel, Maryland in 1884. A circular tower, topped with a bell-shaped roof along with half-timbered gables and fish-scale shingles, molded brick, stone trim, a slate roof and stained glass combine to create a stately sense of character and refinement. It is located in Oakland, near the intersection of Second and Liberty Streets at 117 East Liberty Street. The historic treasure is open to the public and group tours are available. The Visitor Center can provide you with current hours.

PARKS—See pages 36-38.

PENN ALPS—Penn Alps is an organization dedicated to serving residents of the Allegheny Mountains, with Garrett County lying in the heart of the area served. It operates the largest handicraft marketing facility in this mountain region, in conjunction with a restaurant containing five dining rooms. The Alpine Room, which was added in 1969, is graced by a huge fireplace of stone dressed in 1818, exposed beams and bay windows green with plant life. An upstairs dining-conference room was restored in 1988 to its original 1818 log structure. It is also the home of the "Music at Penn Alps" Summer Concert Series.

Situated on U.S. 40, just east of Grantsville, Penn Alps is conveniently located for tourists and has ample parking facilities. Visitors may stroll through the hemlock forest where they will find artisans at work inside authentic log cabins and other rustic structures at Spruce Forest Artisan Village. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May through October. Off-season hours are by chance or appointment.

RUTH ENLOW LIBRARY OF GARRETT COUNTY—This county library system includes the main library in Oakland, branches in Grantsville and Accident, and community libraries in Friendsville and Kitzmiller. Library users (including visitors) in any part of the county may borrow from a large selection of books, magazines and books on tape. A computer catalog makes it easy to borrow needed materials also from the libraries in Hagerstown, Baltimore and several universities. Books borrowed in Garrett County may be returned to any other public library in Maryland. Movies, video and audiocassettes, filmstrips,

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Sailboat races on Deep Creek Lake.

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Garrett County History

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GARRETT COUNTY—Garrett County was created in 1872, the last of all Maryland counties created. Moreover, unless the constitutional provision requiring an area of at least 400 square miles for each new county is amended, there will be no new counties formed in the future. "Laurel" was considered as a name for the county, but local sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of Garrett, in honor of John W. Garrett, who was at that time president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The method followed in the creation of Garrett County is unique in Maryland history. A permissive clause for the creation of a county in the area now included in the bounds of Garrett County was inserted in the Constitution of 1851 (Art. 8, Sec. 2). Nothing was done about the matter, however, until 1872 after two subsequent constitutions, 1864 and 1867, had provided that any new county must have an area of at least 400 square miles and a population of at least 10,000. By 1871, it was conceded that all constitutional requirements had been met, and the Assembly created Garrett County by Act of April 1, 1872 (Acts 1872, Ch. 212). The bounds were fixed by the act:

"That all that part of Allegany County lying south and west of a line beginning at the summit of the Big Backbone, or Savage Mountain, where the mountain is crossed by Mason and Dixon's line, and running thence by a straight line to the middle of Savage River, where it empties into the Potomac River; thence by a straight line to the nearest point or boundary of the State of West Virginia; then with the said boundary of the Fairfax Stone, shall be a new county, to be called the County of Garrett; provided the provisions of this Act as to taking the census of the people and the area of said new county, and the sense of the people therein, shall be complied with in accordance with the constitution of this state."

These boundaries consist of three straight lines on the west, north, and east and the Potomac River on the south. The southern boundary of the County lies on the right bank of the North Branch of the Potomac, whose waters are accordingly within the limits of Garrett County. The northern boundary, fixed by that part of the Mason and Dixon line which had no permanent markers, was not known exactly until the resurvey of that line undertaken by the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania some time later. The eastern boundary was long in dispute because of the difficulty of surveying the line required by the Act. The western line, which also marks the common boundary of Maryland and West Virginia, could not be drawn exactly until the boundary dispute between these two states was settled. When all its limits were fixed, Garrett County was found to have an area of 662 square miles, making it the second largest county in the state.

HISTORY—During the Colonial era of America, Garrett County was on the western edge of the "frontier", and a summer home for local Indian tribes. For some 3,000 years the Indians had followed buffalo trails over the mountains and through the glades between them to traditional campsites. There they hunted and fished through the summer months, returning to permanent "towns" in the warmer area of Ohio and Potomac River tributaries.

Archaeologists have determined that the Indians followed this pattern of living from the Archaic Period onward. They have also found that at certain campsites, the Indians engaged in agricultural pursuits by planting fields in the bottomlands beside the streams. Two such sites can still be identified; one along the Casselman River north of Grantsville, and another beside the Youghiogheny River at Sang Run.

Another camp site along the Youghiogheny River at Friendsville was in the path of the new Interstate 68. During the early 1970's, an archaeological survey was made over several acres of land that would lie under the new highway. Removal of the topsoil revealed that a very large camp had existed on this land beside the river.

Photographs taken during the survey work, along with artifacts discovered there, can be seen in the Museum of the Garrett County Historical Society in Oakland.

Within 50 years of the establishment of the colonies on the seacoast of America, hunters and trappers began to push westward into the Allegheny Mountains; this included land that is now Garrett County. By the mid-1700's, the lucrative fur trade developed by these woodsmen came to the attention of businessmen in the Virginia Colony. They organized themselves into the Ohio Company, and the subsequent boundary dispute between Virginia and Pennsylvania lasted for years.

Through the Ohio Company's charter, Virginia claimed land on the south, west, and north of western Maryland. This included land which now forms 5 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. It explains why George Washington and other prominent Virginians passed through Garrett County to get to the Ohio River country; they claimed the land beyond Maryland as a part of Virginia.

This dispute between Pennsylvania and Virginia did not end until after the Revolutionary War when a survey of the Mason-Dixon Line was completed in 1784.

The development of several important roads served to open the county to settlers. In some instances the Indian trails were widened. One such trail, Nemacolin's Path, passed through the northern part of this county. General Braddock's army, in 1755, followed this route and cut the first wagon road from Fort Cumberland through the wilderness to the Great Meadows near Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Along this road occurred the opening battle of the French and Indian War when the young Colonel George Washington was defeated at Fort Necessity. This old road remained in use for a number of years.

The Old State Road (the Winchester-Morgantown-Clarksburg Road) built in 1789 through Garrett County was used by settlers going to the new lands opened up by the Louisiana Purchase.

The first great highway linking the eastern and western sections of the United States was the Cumberland Road, which passed through the northern section of Garrett County near the old Braddock Road. This highway, built by the Federal Government between 1811 & 1819, soon became known as the National Road and today is part of U.S. Route 40. The town of Grantsville, named for Daniel Grant of Baltimore, grew up along this highway.

The Northwestern Turnpike, another famous east-west route, crossed the southern part of the county. It was proposed by George Washington and surveyed by Crozet, once a soldier in Napoleon's army in Egypt who was then an engineer for Virginia. This famous pioneer route is now part of U.S. Route 50.

Only a few settlers came into the area before the Revolution. John Friend, Sr. and his brothers established the first permanent settlement, "Friend's Fortune," at the mouth of the Youghiogheny River, now the town of Friendsville, in 1765. Wilderness living makes for fascinating reading. Please visit local bookstores to pick up a publication. The noted hunter Meshach Browning describes the early days of pioneer life in his book, *Forty-Four Years of the Life of a Hunter.*

The building of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through the mountains in the 1850's had an even greater effect on the growth of the county than the coming of the highways. After the construction of the railroad through the southern part of the county, new farmlands were cleared, timber and coal resources were developed, and towns were built along the route. Oakland was laid out in 1849 near the little settlement of McCarty's Mill. Bloomington was laid out in the same year as a coal mining center, and Swanton grew up as a shipping point for lumber.

During the Civil War, Garrett County as a section of a "border state" was subject to occasional raids by Confederate troops. One such raid on Oakland in April 1863, was made on a Sunday morning. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was a vital supply link for the Union Army, and vulnerable to destruction by the Confederates. The purpose of the raid on Oakland was to destroy railroad bridges in the area and wreck railroad equipment. The Sunday morning raid came as a complete surprise to the Union troops stationed in Oakland to guard the railroad property. As a result, the Union soldiers were taken prisoner and local bridges burned.

One year later in May 1864, the Confederate troops of McNeil's Rangers were not as successful. They tried to blow up the stone arch bridge over the Potomac River at Bloomington. However, because the bridge was so well built, their efforts met with failure. After burning a railroad shop at near-by Piedmont, the Confederate Rangers retreated back to their camp near Moorefield, WV.

After having been part of Allegany County for 83 years, Garrett County was formed in 1872. Oakland, the commercial center for the southern area, was chosen as the county seat.

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Mountain views of Garrett County

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Historical Sites

THE TOWN OF ACCIDENT—FLOWERY VALE—Accident is located on busy Route 219 about 5 miles north of Deep Creek Lake in a scenic farming valley dating back to 1800. The oldest known structure—the Drane House—has been restored. Sites of the two earliest frame structures used by Lutheran congregations for church services have been marked by stone markers in Zion Cemetery and St. Paul's New Cemetery. The 76-year-old yellow brick schoolhouse is now a handsomely remodeled complex, comprising the Flowery Vale Senior Center and Valley View Apartments.

A lovely park and picnic pavilion, plus Town View Village, another apartment complex for the elderly, occupy the site of the famous Speicher Horse Barn, which housed imported Belgian and Percheron horses. The historic Kaese's Mill still stands along Bear Creek-Fish Hatchery Road, appearing much as it did when constructed in 1868.

Accident has traditionally observed the Fourth of July with picnics going back before 1900. It is the main event that serves as Accident's Homecoming Day, drawing large crowds of relatives and former residents. Library, post office, doctor and dentist, churches, garage and automobile dealership, service stations, schools, public water and sewerage systems, well-kept private homes, and excellent roads provide the elements that make Accident a most desirable rural village.

B&O RAILROAD STATION IN OAKLAND—One of the oldest stations in the country, this Queen Anne-style station was built in 1884 after the B&O had developed a resort clientele for Oakland and Garrett County. The ground the station stands on was used by the B&O Railroad as early as 1851.

The Oakland station is now in the National Registry and is considered one of the most distinguished, historic depots in the country. It was built by the Baltimore firm of Baldwin and Pennington, which constructed a similar station in Laurel, Maryland in 1884. A circular tower, topped with a bell-shaped roof along with half-timberred gables and fish-scale shingles, molded brick, stone trim, a slate roof and stained glass combine to create a stately sense of character and refinement. It is located in Oakland, near the intersection of Second and Liberty Streets at 117 East Liberty Street. The historic treasure is open to the public and group tours are available. The Visitor Center can provide you with current hours.

BRADDOCK'S ROAD–Built by British General Edward Braddock's army in 1755, under the direction of aide-de-camp George Washington, the road really is an improvement of the old Indian route, Nemacolin's Trail. The General died along this route while retreating from near Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh) to Fort Cumberland, after a crushing defeat by a small force of French and Indians.

Braddock's Road became a major route west until it was abandoned in the 19th century with the construction of the National Road (Route 40).

The Road is most readily identified at Little Meadows, one of Braddock's most important encampments and a site often used by George Washington. It is about four miles east of Grantsville on the north side of U.S. Route 40.

CASSELMAN HOTEL—The Casselman Hotel commemorates the great days of the National Pike. Located on Main Street (old Route 40) in Grantsville, the hotel, still in operation, was first opened as a drover's inn in 1824 (See display advertisement in this guide). Many of the early features of the building have been preserved; to the modern traveler, the hotel offers all of the modern conveniences. The hotel has been in operation for 175 years and is one of the outstanding landmarks within Garrett County's boundaries.

During the hey-days of stage-coach travel on the old National Road, there was never any doubt about how far Casselman Inn was from the major cities of Cumberland and Wheeling. Situated on the edge of the highway, and directly in front of the Inn, was a cast iron mileage marker with the miles noted at 25 Cumberland on the west face and 106 Wheeling on the east face.

Close examination reveals that the east and west faces of the marker have two more towns listed in addition to Cumberland and Wheeling. Frostburg is on the west face and Petersburg on the east face. (Petersburg is the old name for the present-day Addison, PA.)

During the Civil War, some of the inns on the National Road served as hospitals for soldiers convalescing from battle wounds. Thus, from time to time, the Casselman Inn became a make-shift hospital; generally for men wounded in the battles around Winchester, VA.

With a little imagination, a modern traveler can imagine recovering soldiers helping each other to chairs and sitting in the sunshine on the spacious front lawn of the Casselman Inn.

The Drane House, Accident, Maryland © L. Bell

CASSELMAN RIVER BRIDGE— At the time of its construction, this was the largest single-span stone arch bridge in the United States (80 feet). Built in 1813 of beautiful native Western Maryland stone, it served traffic on the nation's first Federal highway.

Once a part of the National Pike running between Cumberland, MD, and Wheeling, WV, it provided an improved method of transportation for drovers, freighters, wagoners, horsemen, stagecoach passengers and pedestrians when the western frontier was the Alleghenies.

While watching its construction, people speculated that the bridge would collapse when the supporting timbers were removed. To avoid having the general public as an audience should the bridge collapse at the celebration planned for the removal of the supports, the contractor loosened them the night before the ceremony. Thankfully, the bridge stood. The next day, he stood under the bridge during the ceremony to prove its worthiness. The graceful stone arch has stood for the past 186 years as one of Garrett County's most photogenic as well as historic sites.

The bridge was closed to traffic in 1953 and restored with funds made available by the State of Maryland. In 1964, the Department of Interior designated the bridge a Registered Historical Landmark.

A beautiful setting for a summer cookout or outdoor get-together, there is a picnic area with fireplaces and other facilities alongside the bridge. The bridge is located on Route 40 east of Grantsville near Spruce Forest Artisan Village and Penn Alps Restaurant & Crafts Shop.

CHURCH OF THE PRESIDENTS IN OAKLAND—All three of the Presidents—Grant, Harrison and Cleveland—who preferred Garrett County to any other place for their vacations, attended services in this stone building at the corner of Second and Liberty Streets in Oakland.

This church dates to 1868 when John W. Garrett had it built as a memorial to his brother Henry S. Garrett. The brother had originally planned the church, but died before his intentions could be carried out.

A very hard sandstone was quarried by B&O Railroad at Rowlesburg, W.Va., as a source of building stones for bridges and tunnel liners.

Church of the Presidents, Oakland, Maryland © L. Bell

Mr. Garrett chose this same sandstone for the church building in Oakland and it was shipped to the town by rail.

For a number of years, the Garrett Memorial Church functioned as a community church. In 1903, it became a worship center for the local Presbyterian congregation, who took on the responsibility for maintaining the building. Although a strong congregation at the beginning of its tenure in the Memorial Church, the membership dwindled to only a handful of people and it ceased to function as a congregation in 1935.

Three years later, it became the center of worship for the congregation of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, who now has possession of the building. This group completely renovated the 100-year-old building in 1968.

Presidents Grant, Cleveland and Harrison attended worship services in this building. President Arthur attended services there prior to his election as President.

With a history of famous people attending services, Garrett Memorial Church is now called "Church of the Presidents."

DRANE HOUSE—Built in the late 1700's just east of Accident, the Drane House is one of the very few original frontier plantation homes remaining on Maryland's Tableland. It is the key to Accident's past and the living history of tobacco growing days in the uplands.

Although the log cabin is now known as the Drane House, it was actually built about 1797 by James Drane's brother-in law, William Lamar. He relinquished title to Drane for the surrounding land and cabin in 1803. Both men attempted to inaugurate tobacco farming on this part of the Maryland frontier. After several unsuccessful seasons, Drane abandoned the idea of growing tobacco and settled for the type of farm crops which best suited the Garrett County weather.

When the last tenant vacated the property in 1952, the Drane House had set a record for "the longest continuous occupancy of any house in the County."

Viewed as an historic landmark, a group of people in Accident banded together for the purpose of saving the deteriorating, two story log building. Grants were obtained

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Calendar of Events & Activities

January 11, 2001

SKI CHALET DAY—Wisp Mountain Resort. Demo day for various ski and snowboard equipment companies. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

January 20, 2001

ICE FISHING DEMONSTRATION—Deep Creek Lake State Park. 1 pm. Join the Naturalist for a demo on "Hard Water Fishing." Learn about tackle, bait choice and techniques. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net .

January 27-28, 2001

MID-ATLANTIC SNOWBOARD SERIES—Wisp Mountain Resort. Saturday Slope-Style competition held at Wisp Devil's Arena located at the Base of the Face, featuring singular aerials and tricks for individually judged competition. Sunday Boarder-Cross Course set-up similar to moto-cross involving numerous snowboarders racing against one another through banked turns, jumps and other obstacles. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

January 27, 2001

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC—New Germany State Park, Lakehouse. Starting at 9:30 am till 11:30 am. Instructors will be assisting with all aspects of cross-country skiing for beginners. Weather dependent. Free. Call 301-895-5453.

January 27, 2001

KICK & GLIDE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE—Herrington Manor State Park. Saturday 8 am registration; 10 am race. Be part of this annual cross-country ski race. Come for fun or to earn points on the circuit. Prizes and trophies awarded in 7 age groups. Ski rentals available at Herrington Manor on a first-come, first-serve basis. Admission: $5 adults; $1 under 12. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

February 3, 2001

U.S. COLLEGIATE SKI RACE—Wisp Mountain Resort. A slalom race and a series of Alpine races for college teams. Call 301-387-4911 ext 2172.

February 15-18, 2001

BALTIMORE ADAPTIVE SKI—Wisp Mountain Resort. An organizational ski weekend for adaptive skiers and snowboarders. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

February 17, 2001

ICE FISHING DEMONSTRATION—Deep Creek Lake Start Park. 1:00 pm. Join the Naturalist for a demo on "Hard Water Fishing." Learn about tackle, bait choice and techniques. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net

February 24, 2001

MARYLAND STATE POLICE 3rd ANNUAL DEEP CREEK DUNK—Deep Creek Lake behind Uno's, fun starts at noon. $50 minimum donation to dunk. Join hundreds of wacky dunkers as they brave the chilly waters of Deep Creek Lake in support of 9,000 Maryland Special Olympics athletes. Dunkers receive official event sweatshirt, group photo and complimentary lunch from Uno Chicago Bar & Grille. One of the most unique events in Garrett County. Held snow or shine. Free admission. Call 800- 541-7544 ext. 3010 or e-mail: **tbell@somd.org** .

February 25-27, 2001

2001 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND WINTER GAMES—Wisp Mountain Resort. The public is invited to the opening ceremonies on Sunday. 175 Special Olympics athletes from across Maryland in the sports of alpine skiing, cross-country skiing and modified alpine skiing. Volunteers are needed. Call 800-541-7544 or e-mail: **mdsomail@somd.org** .

March 10-11, 2001

MAPLE SYRUP "SAP-TO-SYRUP" DEMONSTRATION—Saturday 9 am - 3 pm at Swallow Falls State Park and Sunday 8 am - 3 pm at Herrington Manor State Park. Sap-to-syrup demonstration. Watch as maple sap is boiled from park trees into maple syrup. Fresh local syrup for sale. Free admission. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

March 11, 2001

MAPLE SYRUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Herrington Manor State Park, Sunday 8 am - 3 pm. Join us for an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast with fresh maple syrup, sausage, coffee, juice and great company. Also observe the old-fashioned way of boiling sap-to-syrup. $5 adults; $2.50 children under 12. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

April TBA, 2001

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE—New Germany State Park, Lakehouse. For outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Course will cover firearm safety, wildlife identification and conservation, hunting and game laws. Free. Anyone interested must pre-register at 301-895-5453. Call for specific dates and times.

April 8, 2001

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY PROGRAM—3 pm at the Flowery Vale Senior Center in Accident. Call 301-746-6346.

April 14, 2001

EASTER EGG HUNT—Herrington Manor State Park, 5 miles outside Oakland. Starts at 2 pm. Come out and hunt eggs with the Easter Bunny. Fifty dozen eggs donated by McDonald's will be colored and hidden. Prizes for age groups. Free admission. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

April 21, 2001

ANNUAL PARK CLEAN-UP DAY—New Germany State Park Lakehouse. 9 am - noon. Work side by side with park staff and volunteers to do spring cleaning around New Germany State Park. Lunch will be provided by the Friends of New Germany. Call 301-895-5453.

6th ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE—Walkers meet at Deep Creek Lake State Park. Registration is at 9 am. Walk begins at 10 am. Rain or Shine. Special prize drawings and silent auction. Proceeds support Hospice services offered throughout Garrett County. Call 301-334-5151 or 800-521-5252.

WILDFLOWER HIKE—Naturalist led wildflower hikes along the "Wild and Scenic" Youghiogheny River. $2 fee per person. Space is limited. Please call ahead 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

April 22, 2001

GUIDED WILDFLOWER WALK—Potomac-Garrett State Forest. Walk begins at 2 pm in front of the Potomac-Garrett Office on Potomac Camp Road. View the natural beauty of spring wildflowers in the Lostland Run area of Potomac State Forest. Limited to15 participants. No fee. Call 301-334-2038.

May 2001

MONROE RUN WILDFLOWER WALK—Monroe Run Hiking Trail. Join a Naturalist at 9 am for a 5 mile hike down the Monroe Run Hiking Trail. Many stream crossings. Dress appropriately. Register for the hike at the Savage River Complex. Limited to 12 participants. No fee. Call for dates 301-895-5453.

May 6, 2001

GUIDED WILDFLOWER WALK—Potomac-Garrett State Forest. Walk begins at 2 pm in front of the Potomac-Garrett Office on Potomac Camp Road. View the natural beauty of spring wildflowers in the Lostland Run area of Potomac State Forest. Limited to 15 participants. No fee. Call 301-334-2038.

May 12, 2001

COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW—7:30 pm at the Flowery Vale Senior Center in Accident. Call 301-746-6346.

May 19, 2001

OAKLAND BLOOMS—Downtown Oakland blooms with local lawn and garden merchants offering plants, gardening equipment, lawn furniture and everything necessary for a beautiful and bountiful garden. Sponsored by Greater Oakland Business Association and Main Street Programs. Call 301-533-4470.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE—Town of Grantsville. Starts at 7 am. Residents of Grantsville have yard sales throughout town. Call 301-895-3144.

WILDFLOWER HIKE—Naturalist led wildflower hikes along the Wild and Scenic Youghiogheny River. $2 fee per person. Space is limited. Please call ahead 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

May 20, 2001

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE—Tour New Germany State Park, walk through four of the rustic cabins, view rescue equipment and talk to State Forest and Park Rangers. Refreshments provided. No fee. Call 301-895-5453.

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30 am. All breed, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. No admission for spectators. Call 301-387-4550.

May 28, 2001

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES—Accident Park East. 9:30 am. Call 301-746-6346.

June 2, 2001

14th ANNUAL MCHENRY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL—Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry, 10 am - 5 pm. An event-filled day for the whole family, featuring Scottish country dancers, Scottish shops & food, sheepdog demonstrations, athletic competitions, highland dancing, solo piping and bagpipe competitions, bluegrass music, crafts & more. Kirkin 'O' the Tartans at 9:30 am Sunday, June 4th, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Deer Park. Sponsored by the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club. Call 301-387-9300.

June 2, 2001

YOUTH FISHING DERBY—Herrington Manor State Park. 8 am - 12 pm. Get hooked on fishing. Win prizes, keep your fish. Free food and drinks. No license required-free fishing day. Free admission. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

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June 2, 2001

FREE FISHING DAY IN MARYLAND—Anyone can fish Maryland's freshwaters without a MD fishing license. Call 301-387-7067.

June 8- 9, 2001

WESTERN MARYLAND LOGGERS /FORESTRY DAY AND EQUIPMENT SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry. Fun for the entire family. Learn about forests, forestry and the forest products industry. Visit artisans and craftsmen, informational exhibits, and a variety of special presentations of interest to young and old alike. Smokey Bear will be on hand for all to enjoy. There is truly something for everybody! Admission is $5, kids under 16 admitted free with an adult. Visit the Maryland Forests Association website for details at **http://mdforests.org/fieldays.htm** or e-mail: **mfa@hereintown.net** .

June 8-9, 2001

GARRETT COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE—Southern Garrett High School. Friday 6 pm - Saturday noon. Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration of life dedicated to present and former cancer patients, their families and friends. Event highlights: opening ceremony cancer survivor kick off with entertainment; luminary lighting ceremony, hundreds of candles surround track with inspirational music during this ceremony; and a closing ceremony recognizing teams. The public is welcome and admission is free. Contact locally Doug and Terry Riley at 301-334-5684 to register your team or call Tenna Taylor, American Cancer Society 301-729-2145 or e-mail **tennat@cancer.org** .

June 9, 2001

FREE FISHING DAY IN MARYLAND—Anyone can fish Maryland's freshwaters without a MD fishing license. Call 301-387-7067.

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q—Oakland Fire Station, located on 3rd St. in Oakland. Starts at noon with carry out. Sit down dinners available from 4 pm – 7 pm at Oakland Fire station. Door Prizes. Sponsored by Oakland Volunteer Fire Department. Call 301-334-3535.

One of the many sights at the Discovery Center's new Aviary. © K Haines

June 10, 2001

LOSTLAND RUN HIKES—A 3.5 mile hike starting at the Potomac Resource Center and following the Lostland Run Trail to the North Branch of the Potomac River. Meet in front of the Potomac Resource Center on Potomac Camp Road at 2 pm. The hike will feature Cascade Falls and the Potomac Overlook. Limited to 15 participants. No fee. Call 301-334-2038.

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30 am. All breeds, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. No admission for spectators. Call 301-387-4550.

June 15, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7-9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

June 16, 2001

FATHERS DAY FESTIVAL AND CHILI COOK OFF—Bietschehof Farm, Grantsville. Starting at 11 am. Hands on activities for Dad, chain saw sculpting, etc. Participate in the Chili Cook off. Judging with prizes. Call for details at 301-895-3742 or 301-746-7049 or e-mail: **bdurst2@juno.com**

June 20 & 21, 2001

TRI-STATE RELIEF SALE—Garrett County Fairgrounds. Fri. 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Sat. grounds open 6:30 am - 3:00 pm. Giant benefit auction items include: quilts, artwork (including woodcarver Gary Yoder, potter Lynn Lais, Simon Pearce glass), handcrafted furniture, and vacation getaways. Plenty of food choices, children's activities and market place. Proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Call (814) 445-6945.

June 20, 2001

FISHING RODEO—Anyone 16 years of age or under may register for this free event. Event starts at 8 am and concludes at 11 am. Awards given. Sponsored by the Friends of New Germany. Call 301-895-5453.

June 22-24, 2001

24th ANNUAL GRANTSVILLE DAYS—Grantsville Town Park, Friday 7:15 pm - 11:30 pm; Saturday noon -11:30 pm; Sunday 12 - 5 pm. Homecoming event, locally prepared foods including Lions BBQ Chicken dinners. Friday night parade and fireworks; Saturday tractor pull contests, games, fireworks; Sunday horse pull contest, talent exhibition. Free continuous entertainment including country-rock, oldies, bluegrass, jazz, country line dancing, Grantsville VFD Midway games, food, crafts, novelty and display booths. Free admission. Rain or shine. Festival chairman: 301-895-5177 or e-mail: **gbeachy@gcnet.net** .

June 22, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30 am. All breeds, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. No admission for spectators. Call 301-387-4550.

June 23-24, 2001

3rd ANNUAL SUMMER GLORY—Boat show at Deep Creek Lake beginning at 12 pm daily, with Garrett County marinas participating. Boat parade, wakeboard contest, Las Vegas night, children's activities & more. Call the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce at 301-387-4386 or e-mail: **info@garrettchamber.com** or visit the tourism site **www.garrettchamber.com**. All proceeds benefit D.A.R.E programs.

June 23, 2001

DISCOVERY CENTER OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION OF NEW AVIARY— Enjoy a day at the Discovery Center and celebrate the opening of the Aviary. Scales and Tales programs, natural history presentations, nature hikes, games and crafts are just an example of some of the activities. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**.

June 29, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

July 2001

MONROE RUN HIKE/CANOE THE SAVAGE RIVER RESERVOIR—Take a hike down the 5 mile trail along Monroe Run, a scenic trout stream with a Forest Naturalist. The trail crosses the stream several times, participants should wear appropriate clothing. A canoe trip will follow on the Savage River Reservoir. Participants should be in good physical condition. Open to those 12 years of age and older. Fee per person. Limited spaces. Call for dates and times. 301-895-5453.

July 1, 3-4, 2001

ACCIDENT'S IDEA (INDEPENDENCE DAY EXHIBITION OF ART)—Accident Flowery Vale Sr. Center. Children, youth, adults (amateur and professional) are invited to compete for ribbons and prizes in an annual art show at the Accident Flowery Vale Sr. Center. Work accepted on June 28th from 5 - 7 pm and on June 29th from 9 am - 4:30 pm. Exhibit open to the public on July 1st from 1:30 - 4:30 pm and July 3-4 from 10 am - 6 pm. Call 301-746-8413.

July 3, 2001

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION—Broadford Lake Park Recreation Area, located off Rt. 135 near Oakland. Beautiful fireworks display over Broadford Lake. Begins at dusk. Call 301-334-9222 or 301-334-2691.

July 4, 2001

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION—Broadford Lake Park Recreation Area, located off Route 135 near Oakland. 8 am – dark. Begins with special contests, boating, swimming, fishing, sand volleyball, picnicking, basketball, etc. Come enjoy a relaxing day at Broadford Park. $3 per car. Call 301-334-9222 or 301-334-2691.

FREE FISHING DAY IN MARYLAND—Anyone can fish Maryland's freshwaters without a MD fishing license. Call 301-387-7067.

ACCIDENT'S FOURTH OF JULY HOMECOMING—South Street Complex. 9 am - 10 pm. Parade, patriotic program, band concerts, musical entertainment, crafts, food, children's games, art show, and more. Call 301-746-6346.

DEEP CREEK LAKE FIREWORKS CELEBRATION—Approximately 9:30 pm. Displayed over the Wisp Ski Slopes and Deep Creek Lake. Best viewed in the McHenry Cove area by car or by boat. Free admission. Rain date July 5th. Sponsored by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. 301-387-4386.

July 6, 2001

CANOE TRIP DOWN THE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER—9:30 am. Join the Rangers for a relaxing leisurely paddle down Maryland's first "Wild and Scenic" River. Spectacular views await you. Class I and II waters. Space is limited. $15 per person. Must be at least 10 yrs. old. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**.

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

July 6-7, 2001

6th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO—Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry. 7:30 pm daily. Bareback riding, saddlebronc, bullriding, open barrel racing, Timberline Country Music Band, and pony rides for children. Western apparel & Rodeo T-Shirts for sale. Sponsored by

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Pepsi, 7-Up, Team One, Mettiki Coal and Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department. Advance Tickets: $8 adult; $4 child; at gate: $10 adult; $5 child. Call 301-334-4375.

July 8, 2001

LOSTLAND RUN HIKES— Meet in front of the Potomac Resource Center on Potomac Camp Road at 2 pm. For a 3.5 mile hike starting at the Potomac Resource Center and following the Lostland Run Trail to the North Branch of the Potomac River. The hike will feature Cascade Falls and the Potomac Overlook. Limited to 15 participants. No fee. Call 301-334-2038.

July 13, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

July 14, 2001

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR OUR BEST FRIENDS—Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry Starts at 9 am – 2pm. Sponsored by the Garrett County Humane Society. Fido fashion show, 'Strut your Mutt' walk-athon, dog show, Chinese and Silent Auctions, face painting and dog agility & obedience demonstration. A day of food and fun for the entire family. Register early for events. $12 per dog or two for $18. Spectators are free but donations are appreciated. Call 301-387-4862.

July 15, 2001

CONCERT IN THE PARK— Accident Park, West. Accident Concert Band, 5 pm. Call 301-746-6346.

July 20-22, 2001

PUZZLEY RUN FOLK LIFE CENTER BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL —Bietschehof Farm, Grantsville. No fees. Free Camping. Shade tree, campfire and parking lot pickin'. Acoustic instruments only. Food available. Saturday evening square dance at 8 pm. Call 301-895-3742 or 301-746-7049 or e-mail: **bdurst2@juno.com**.

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Enjoy live musical entertainment at the Little Yough Summer Music Festival.

July 20, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7-9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

July 21, 2001

36th ANNUAL FIDDLER'S CONTEST & 12th ANNUAL BANJO CONTEST—Town Park, Friendsville. A full afternoon and evening of bluegrass and foot-stomping fiddle and banjo music. Cloggers welcome. Contest begins at 7 pm. Pre-contest entertainment begins at 3 pm. Food available. $5 adults, $2 children. Sponsored by Friendsville Lions and the Rotary Club. Call 301-746-8194.

July 22, 2001

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30 am. All breeds, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. No admission for spectators. Call 301-387-4550.

July 23-27, 2001

SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP—Held at the GCC Center for Adventure and Outdoor Studies. Mon-Fri. 9 am-5 pm. Adventure education and skill development day activities for persons age 9 and older. Activities include whitewater paddling, mountain biking, rock climbing, orienteering, and group initiatives / ropes course. Transportation to activity sites and activity equipment provided. $60 per day. To register, call the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 or e-mail: **adventuresports@gcc.cc.md.us**.

July 27, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

July 28 , 2001

13th ANNUAL KITZMILLER HOMECOMING—Kitzmiller Elementary School Park & Playground. 11 am - 4 pm. Outdoor event with live music, games, horseshoe tournament, demonstrations, chicken barbecue and various other foods.

Held rain or shine. Call 301-453-3586 or 301-453-3449.

July 30-August 3, 2001

SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP—Held at the GCC Center for Adventure and Outdoor Studies. Mon-Fri. 9 am – 5 pm. Adventure education and skill development day activities for persons age 9 and older. Activities include whitewater paddling, mountain biking, rock climbing, orienteering, and group initiatives / ropes course. Transportation to activity sites and activity equipment provided. $60 per day. To register, call the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 or e-mail: **adventuresports@gcc.cc.md.us**.

August 2001

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE—New Germany State Park, Lakehouse. For outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Course will cover firearm safety, wildlife identification and conservation, hunting and game laws. Free. Anyone interested must pre-register at 301-895-5453. Call for specific dates and times.

August 2-5, 2001

80th ANNUAL WESTERN MARYLAND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS—Held at Mt. Lake Park Tennis Club off Route 135 outside Oakland. 9 am - dark daily. This is the oldest tennis event in Maryland, held on clay courts and features competition in men's and women's singles, doubles, & mixed doubles. Everyone is welcome to pull up a chair and watch this exciting event. Sanctioned by MATA. Call 301-334-3249 or 301-387-8371.

August 3-4, 2001

22nd FRIENDSVILLE DAYS—Held at the Friendsville Community Park, located off Friendsville-Addison Road adjacent to the Yough River. For a donation you receive a meal on Friday evening at 6 pm. Parade begins at 12 pm on Saturday. Various games and entertainment throughout the day. Fireworks at 10 pm. Call 301-746-5928 or 301-746-5677.

August 3-5, 2001

ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE—Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry. Fri. & Sat., 10 am - 7 pm; Sun., 10 am - 4 pm. There are 30 dealers from MD, WV, PA, OH & NY. Period antiques to collectibles. Admission $2.50 (good for all 3 days). Call 301-387-8275 or 301-334-2593.

August 3, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

August 4, 2001

EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANT HIKE—10 am. Join a Naturalist for a hike along the Wild and Scenic Youghiogheny River. You will enjoy spectacular views of the river while learning about the many different plants that you can eat or that may have healing powers. Space is limited. $2 per person. Call 301-387-7067 or email: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

August 6-10, 2001

SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP—Held at the GCC Center for Adventure and Outdoor Studies. Mon-Fri. 9 am – 5 pm. Adventure education and skill development day activities for persons age 9 and older. Activities include whitewater paddling, mountain biking, rock climbing, orienteering, and group initiatives / ropes course. Transportation to activity sites and activity equipment provided. $60 per day. To register, call the Adventuresports Institute at 301-387-3330 or e-mail: **adventuresports@gcc.cc.md.us**.

August 10, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

August 10-12, 2001

PUZZLEY RUN FOLK DAYS—Bietschehof Farm, Grantsville, Friday 11 am-7 pm, Sat & Sun. 10 am until... Long hunter encampment. Pioneer living demonstrations - Blacksmith, Soapmaker, Sauerkrautmaker, Herb culture, Gunsmith and Potter. Art exhibit, Music – Folk, Bluegrass, Gospel, Harps and Bagpipes, Folk Dancing - exhibition and participation. Saturday night square dance at 8 pm. Craft sales, food & children's games. Admission $4 adults, $1 children 6-12; under 6 free. Call 301-895-3742 or 301-746-7049 or e-mail: **bdurst2@juno.com**

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Enjoy a variety of musical entertainment all summer in Garrett County.

August 12, 2001

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30am. All breeds, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. Call 301-387-4550.

August 12-18, 2001

45th ANNUAL GARRETT COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR—Held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry. 8 am - 11 pm daily. 4-H & FFA exhibits; 4-H and FFA livestock sale Saturday night; nightly musical entertainment; nightly events at race track, demo derbies, tractor pulls, 4-wheel pickup pulls; carnival and midway; delicious food at local civic organization booths; commercial displays and much more. Call 301-533-2321.

August 17, 2001

LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL—Mountain Fresh Pavilion, downtown Oakland. 7- 9 pm. Bring your folding chairs, your family and a picnic for outdoor live musical family entertainment. Free admission. Food and beverage available. Check our website for scheduled performers: **http://members.gcnet.net/atom/festival** or call Ken Perrin at 301-334-3151.

August 25-26, 2001

WESTERN MARYLAND TRUCK SHOW—Grantsville Community Park. Saturday and Sunday all day event. This is a family oriented event showcasing kids activities, games, crafts, trucks, and music. All proceeds go to Garrett County organizations. No admission charged for spectators.

August 25, 2001

COUNTRY FEST & AUCTION — Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry. 8 am - 5 pm. Auction features hand-quilted quilts, wood furniture, collectibles (including Beanies) and "In-Home Dinner" tickets (for a meal in a local Mennonite home). Other attractions include craft items, home-baked goods, horse and buggy rides, pony rides, farm animal petting zoo and wholesome children's videos. Watch quilting, apple cider pressing, wheat grinding, milking, separating & butter churning. Enjoy hotcakes and sausage, homemade ice cream, soft pretzels, fresh doughnuts (all made on premises) chicken-BBQ. This event is sponsored by the Dry Run Mennonite Church and School. (There are no vendors). Call 301-746-8429 or 301-245-4326.

August 26, 2001

MOUNTAIN TOP SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW—Garrett County Fairgrounds. 10:30 am. All breeds, all disciplines, open horse show. Food booth and plenty of parking. No admission for spectators. Call 301-387-4550.

September 1-2, 2001

APPLE BUTTER BOIL—Swallow Falls State Park. 8 am - 3 pm daily. Join the staff for an end of the season festival with the making of apple butter, corn and hot dog roast and on Sunday a Hammered Dulcimer concert from 11 am -12 pm and 1-2 pm. Admission $2. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mailgcnet.net**.

September 3, 2001

FOREST 5K RUN/WALK—Challenging 5K Run/Walk through a beautiful cross-country course surrounding Savage River Lodge. Begins at 8:30 am. Event benefits the children of the Maryland Salem Children's Home. Lodging, breakfast and lunch available at Savage River Lodge by reservation by calling 301-689-3200. Early registration fee $13, registration day of event $15. Call for event information 301-689-8176 ext. 213 or e-mail: **tom@mdsalem.com** .

September 8, 2001

2nd ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK—Deep Creek Lake State Park. 11 am – 4 pm. Come see the great work of local artists and artisans. There will be an open jam session of Appalachian Music throughout the day. Crafts and games for children. Refreshments. This event is sponsored by Deep Creek Lake Volunteers. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE—Town of Grantsville. Starts at 7 am. Residents of Grantsville have yard sales throughout town. Call 301-895-3144.

September 14-16, 2001

38th WESTERN MARYLAND AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP—Oakland Country Club. Fri, Sat, Sun. 54 Hole Stroke Play Amateur Golf Championship. Two senior divisions. Field is flighted after 36 holes. Entry fee TBA. Call 301-334-3883.

September 15, 2001

BASS '2001" FISHING TOURNAMENT—Deep Creek Lake State Park. 7 am. Annual bass fishing tournament attracting fishermen from the Mid-Atlantic states. Proceeds go to local agencies that provide programs for local needs in the community. Sponsored by County United Way, Inc. $80 per boat; $10 lunker fee; $2 launch fee. $10 additional fee if signing up the day of the event. Call Linda Toey, at 301-722-2700 or e-mail: **cuw@allconet.org**.

WESTERN MARYLAND BIKES, BLUES AND BREWS FEST—Deep Creek Brewing Company. Start the day with the Deep Creek Challenge - bike ride around Deep Creek Lake. There is a novice ride and an expert ride with all riders getting a t-shirt and water bottle. Entrance is $15 in advance and $18 at the ride. Ride starts at 10 am. Next up is the brews and blues - over 30 different micro-brews to try with your complimentary 4 ounce tasting glass. Experience the best beer the Mid-Atlantic has to offer while listening to some great blues bands. Food is extra with wings, sausage, burgers and BBQ - all the basic food groups! Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door! Check the web site: **www.deep creekbrewing**.com for more details.

September 16, 2001

GARRETT STATE FOREST HIKE — Hikers are to meet at 1 pm at the parking lot near Herrington Manor Lake. A 5.5 mile hike on the Garrett State Forest Trail that travels from Herrington Manor State Park to Swallow Falls State Park. Call 301-334-2038.

September 27-30, 2001

BUCKWHEAT FESTIVAL—Held at the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Dept Fairgrounds, Kingwood, WV. All you can eat Buckwheat Cake dinners, music, entertainment, antiques, arts and crafts, car show, livestock exhibits, carnival and parade. Thurs-Sat. 8 am - 9 pm and Sunday 8 am - 6 pm. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Dept. Call 800-571-0912.

October 5 - 6, 2001

44TH ANNUAL SPRINGS FOLK FESTIVAL—Springs, PA, 3 miles north of Grantsville, MD off I-68 Exit 19. Join us in the celebration

of how our forefathers worked and played. Over 140 juried demonstrating craftsmen, PA Dutch food, continuous musical performances. Call (814) 662-4158.

October 6-7, 2001

FALL COLOR HAYRIDES— Herrington Manor State Park, Saturday & Sunday 11 am, 12:30 pm & 2 pm daily. Join Park staff for an authentic hayride through the State Park and forest. Along the way, witness the beauty of Garrett County's fall season, observe wildlife & learn a little about the history of the area. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $5 per person. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

October 10-14, 2001

34th ANNUAL AUTUMN GLORY FESTIVAL—Held in downtown Oakland and surrounding areas, celebrating the glory of the fall foliage season. Railroad Excursions, Craft Show & Sale, Fiddle & Banjo Contests, Gortner Airport Fly-In, Tournament of Bands, Antique Show & Sale, Simon Pearce Glass Blowing Tours, Grand Feature & Fireman's Parades, Octoberfest, 5K Run, Ski & Snowboard Swap, Performing Arts, Collectibles Show & Sale including Cards, Beanies and NASCAR, Tall Tale Festival and much more. For information and a brochure, contact the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 301-387-4386 or e-mail **info@garrettchamber.com** .

October 11, 2001

FIREMAN'S PARADE / OCTOBERFEST—Oakland Fire Dept. on 3rd St., Oakland. 4 pm–7 pm. German style food served. Fireman Parade starts at 7:30 pm. Immediately following parade German Oomph Band provides entertainment at "Octoberfest" in front of the Oakland Fire Dept. Call 301-334-3535.

October 12-13, 2001

DARK FOREST HAUNTED HAYRIDES—Bietschehof Farm, Grantsville. Ride through the forest and experience the ghoulies, goblins & things that go bump in the night. $5 adults, $2.50 for kids 4-12, kids 4 and under free. Call 301-895-3742 or (301) 746-7049 or e-mail: **bdurst2@juno.com**.

October 12-14, 2001

CIVIC CLUB ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE—Maryland National Guard Armory on 8th and High Streets. Fri. & Sat. 10 am to 7 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. 31 antique dealers displaying antiques for 3 days during the Autumn Glory Festival. Food available including soup, sandwiches and deserts. Admission $2. Call Jackie Johnson 301-334-4420.

Horse drawn hayrides at Deep Creek Lake State Park. © L. Bell

October 12-14, 2001

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT—10 am to 5 pm daily. Horse-drawn narrated tours of the Historic District beginning at the "Ticket Office" museum located on G Street and Spruce Street. Self-guided brochures will also be available. For more information contact Mountain Lake Park Town Hall 301-334-2250 or **www.mtnlakepark@mindspring.com** .

October 12, 2001

FALL FOLIAGE CANOE TRIP— Canoe trip down the Wild & Scenic Youghiogheny River. 9:30 am. Enjoy the spectacular palette of nature's colors on this leisurely float down the river. Space is limited. $15 per person. Must be 10 yrs. old. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

MARYLAND OFFICIAL STATE BANJO CONTEST—Southern High School Gymnasium, Oakland. 7 pm. The very best banjo pickers from the Atlantic region competing for the Maryland title in age categories. A name Bluegrass/Country group will perform. To enter the contest, or for more information contact the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 301-387-4386 or e-mail: **info@garrettchamber.com** .

October 13-14, 2001

CSX MAINLINE FALL FOLIAGE EXCURSIONS—Scale the heights of the Alleghenies from Cumberland, MD (elev. 640 feet) to Oakland, MD (elev. 2,363 feet). Travel along the Potomac River before ascending the "17 Mile Grade" on Backbone Mountain and visit the "Summit of the Alleghenies" at Altamont (elev. 2,628 feet). During the stopover in Oakland, you'll have time to visit the Autumn Glory Festival, sample a variety of lunch choices from area restaurants and visit Oakland's historic B&O Railroad Station. This 110 mile round-trip presents the Allegheny Mountains in their true autumn glory, resplendent with brilliant fall color. Trains depart from the Amtrak station in Cumberland at 9 am. Adult $45; Child $40. For information & reservations, call 800-TRAIN-50 or 301-759-4400.

October 13, 2001

AUTUMN GLORY 5K RUN / 2 MILE WALK— Broadford Lake Park Recreation Area, located of Route 135 near Oakland. Registration starts at 7 am, race starts at 8:30 am. This 5K/2 mile 'Walk for Sight' is sponsored by the Oakland / Mountain Lake Park Lions Club. Souvenir race sweatshirts to first 150 entrants. All proceeds go to assist "LIONS' Sight Programs. Admission is free for spectators. Call 301-334-4287.

KITZMILLER HERITAGE EXPO —Town of Kitzmiller. 1 pm – 6 pm. Experience an old time mountain coal mining community complete with guided tours, a museum, demonstrations and crafts all with a focus on a coal-mining heritage. Food available. Call 301-453-3449.

MARYLAND OFFICIAL STATE FIDDLE CONTEST—7 pm at the Southern High School Gymnasium, Oakland. Fiddle players from several

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states competing for the Maryland State Title. Many categories from the very young to the very old, including professional. Some Grand Champion Fiddlers held State title in their category for 3 years. Truly outstanding performances. To compete in the contest, or for more information contact the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce at 301-387-4386 or e-mail **info@garrettchamber.com** .

October 14, 2001

AUTUMN GLORY HIKE— Meet in front of the Potomac Resource Center on Potomac Camp Road at 2 pm. A 3.5 mile hike starting at the Potomac Resource Center and following the Lostland Run trail to the North Branch of the Potomac River. The hike will feature the fall foliage, Cascade Falls and the Potomac Overlook. Limited to 15 participants. No fee. Call 301-334-2038.

October 27, 2001

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDES— Herrington Manor State Park, 5 miles outside of Oakland. 7-9 pm. Come out for an evening hayride through the State Park. Candy for the kids. Free admission. Call 301-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net** .

November 30-Dec 1, 2001

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET —Downtown Oakland. Friday 4-8 pm & Saturday festivities start at 10 am and go on throughout the day. Old fashioned community gathering to celebrate the season. Lighting of the town tree, Christmas carolers and delicious foods from local restaurants. Craft vendors and local charities, gift items and baked goods. Spectacular fellowship and Santa too. Sponsored by the Greater Oakland Business Association and Main Street Program. Call 301-533-4470.

December 7-8, 2001

5th ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED GRANTSVILLE CHRISTMAS— Town of Grantsville. Two days of old-fashioned hospitality and holiday charm in Grantsville. Event features carolers, door prizes, complimentary refreshments, & special merchant holiday activities. Photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, holiday shopping and tree lighting. Call 301-895-5051.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS— Home for the Holidays Home Tour is a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross. Local residents open up their homes and allow the public to enjoy their Christmas decorations. All proceeds benefit local programs. Friday 4 - 9 pm; and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Sponsored by the Western Potomac Chapter of the American Red Cross. $5 advance ticket sales; $7 at the door. Call 301-387-2570.

December 7, 2001

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE—Front lawn of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Accident. 7 pm. Brief program & caroling through town. Call 301-746-6346.

December 8, 2001

CHRISTMAS IN FLOWERY VALE—Accident, MD. 5 -7 pm. Tour of churches and the historic Drane House. Call 301-746-6346.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC —Flowery Vale Senior Center in Accident. Accident Concert Band performs at 7:30 pm. Benefits Garrett County veterans and their families. Call 301-746-6346.

December 22, 2001

DISCOVERY CENTER CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE—Deep Creek Lake State Park. 10 am - 2 pm. Santa Claus will be making an appearance. Cookies and treats for everyone. Children's programs and crafts throughout the day. Get your last minute gifts from the Nature Shop with a 10% discount on all items. This event is sponsored by Deep Creek Lake Volunteers. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**.

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January TBA, 2002

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC —New Germany State Park, Lakehouse. Starting at 9:30 am till 11:30 am. Instructors will be assisting with all aspects of cross-country skiing for beginners. Weather dependent. Free.Call 301-895-5453.

January TBA, 2002

SKI CHALET DAY—Wisp Mountain Resort. Demo day for various ski & snowboard equipment companies. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

January TBA, 2002

ICE FISHING DEMONSTRATION—1 pm. Join the Naturalist for a demo on "Hard Water Fishing'. Learn about tackle, bait choice and techniques. Call (301)387-7067 or email at **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**

January TBA, 2002

MID-ATLANTIC SNOWBOARD SERIES—Saturday Slope-Style Competition held at Wisp Devil's Arena located at the Base of the Face, featuring singular aerials and tricks for individually judged competition. Sunday, Boarder-Cross Course set-up similar to moto-cross involving numerous snowboarders racing against one another through banked turns, jumps and other obstacles. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

January TBA, 2002

KICK & GLIDE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE—Herrington Manor State Park. Saturday 8 am registration; 10 am race. Be part of this annual cross-country ski race. Come for fun or to earn points on the circuit. Prizes and trophies awarded in 7 age groups. Ski rentals available at Herrington Manor on a first-come, first-serve basis. Admission: $5 adults; $1 under 12. Call 30l-334-9180 or e-mail: **hmsp@mail.gcnet.net**.

February TBA, 2002

U.S. COLLEGIATE SKI RACE— Wisp Mountain Resort. A slalom race in series of alpine races for college teams. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

February TBA, 2002

BALTIMORE ADAPTIVE SKI— Wisp Mountain Resort. An organizational ski weekend for adaptive skiers and snowboarders. Call 301-387-4911 ext. 2172.

February TBA, 2002

ICE FISHING DEMONSTRATION —1:00 pm. Join the Naturalist for a demo on "Hard Water Fishing'. Learn about tackle, bait choice and techniques. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net**

February TBA , 2002

MARYLAND STATE POLICE 3nd ANNUAL DEEP CREEK DUNK —Noon in Deep Creek Lake behind Uno's. $50 Minimum donation to dunk. Join hundreds of wacky dunkers as they brave the chilly waters of Deep Creek Lake in support of 9,000 Maryland Special Olympics athletes. Dunkers receive official event sweatshirt, group photo and complimentary lunch from Uno Chicago Bar & Grille. One of the most unique events in Garrett County. Held snow or shine. Free admission.Call 800-541-7544 ext.3010 or e-mail: **tbell@somd.org**

February TBA , 2002

2002 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND WINTER GAMES— Wisp. The public is invited to the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday. 175 Special Olympics athletes from across Maryland in the sports of alpine skiing, cross country skiing and modified alpine skiing. Volunteers are needed. Call 800-541-7544 or e-mail: **mdsomail@somd.org**.

Feb. 15-16, 2002

3rd ANNUAL CHERRIES AND CHILL FESTIVAL—10 am to 5 pm. Spruce Artisan Village. This winter festival features "cherry-themed" activities, revolving around the history of the National Road, George Washington and the cherry tree legend. Admission FREE, donations welcome. Call 301-895-3332 or e-mail: **tmorgan@spruceforest.org**.

OTHER EVENTS—For more information on last-minute events held in Garrett County throughout the year, call or stop in at the Garrett County Visitors Center in McHenry or call the Chamber Office at 301-387-4FUN(4386) or e-mail **info@garrettchamber.com**. Visit us on-line at **www.garrettchamber.com** .

Dates were confirmed at press time, but circumstances may cause events to be changed. We suggest you confirm with contacts listed.

Ongoing Events & Activities

GARRETT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM—207 South Second Street, Oakland. Monday through Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm. Group tours can be arranged. Admission free, donation appreciated. Call 301-334-3226.

SIMON PEARCE TOURS—265 Glass Drive, Oakland. Factory open to visitors for self-guided tours of a glass blowing operation. Open 7 days a week, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Retail store on premises. Call 301-334-5277.

March thru September, 2001

GARRETT LAKES ARTS FESTIVAL—Multi-disciplined performing arts and arts education for a wide range of interests for all ages and at a reasonable cost. Most events are held at air-conditioned Garrett Community College (GCC) Auditorium, McHenry, unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Most events are $10 adults and $2 for youth under 18. Please contact GLAF for time and location of events. Check our website for updates at: **www.artsandentertainment.org**. Contact **glaf@gcnet.net** or call 301-387-3082.

Mar. 16 Chen Dancers—Southern High School, 8 pm.
April 27 *The Scarlett Letter*—by The National Players, GCC, 8 pm
May 26 Lisa Mosciatello—dinner cabaret at Will 'O Wisp, 6 pm.
June 16 Molasses Creek—venue to be announced, 8 pm.
June 30 Maryland Symphony Orchestra—GCC, 8 pm.
July 4 Garrett Community Concert Band—GCC Lawn
July 5-8 Chautauqua, "Founding A New Nation"—GCC Lawn, 7 pm.
July 9-13 Young Artist's Workshop —Fantasy Valley
July 16-20 Young Writer's Workshop —Fantasy Valley
July 20-27 Dance Camp of Maryland —GCC
July 22 Arkady & Tamara Orlovsky —Will 'O Wisp, GCC Lawn
July 23-27 Young Actor's Workshop —Our Town Theater, Oakland.
Aug. 17-25 Symphony Series—venue to be announced.
Aug. 19 Annual Student Recital—venue to be announced.
Sept. 2 U.S. Navy Band "Cruisers" Rock Ensemble—Deep Creek Lake State Park.
Sept. 16 William Feasley, *Echoes of Goya*—Will 'O Wisp
Sept. 22 Chamber Orchestra Kremlin—GCC

(GLAF *events are funded in part by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Garrett County Arts Council*)

January thru December 2001

SPRUCE FOREST ARTISAN VILLAGE EVENTS—1 mile east of Grantsville on Rt. 40, near Penn Alps. Village open year round, Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Working artisans April - November. Free admission, except during special events. Visit on-line at **www.spruceforest.org**, e-mail: **tmorgan@spruceforest.org** or call 301-895-3332.

Feb.16-17-2nd ANNUAL CHERRIES AND CHILL FESTIVAL — 10 am to 5 pm. Spruce Artisan Village. This winter festival features "cherry-themed" activities, revolving around the history of the National Road, George Washington and the cherry tree legend. Admission FREE, donations welcome.

May 1 - Village's 34th Summer Season Opens

June 2 - Musician's Showcase, Noon-1 pm

June 4 - Storytelling in the 1835 Miller House & 1825 Compton School

July 7 - Musician's Showcase, Noon-1 pm

July 12-14 - 24th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL & QUILT SHOW—10 am - 5 pm daily, at Spruce Forest Artisan Village near Penn Alps on Route 40, 1 mile east of Grantsville. Features nearly 100 juried artisans, crafters, musicians and storytellers amidst 75 year-old Spruce Forest. Resident artisans at work inside restored authentic log cabins. Children's Corner (11 am - 3 pm), silent auction, strolling musicians, door prizes, arts and crafts, House of Yoder tours, book sales and autographs, self-guided tours, free parking, and food concessions. The quilt show will be held inside the Village Church at Spruce Forest Artisan Village and will feature Hoffman Challenge quilts, quilt vendors and many local hand-stitched quilts and hangings. Penn Alps Restaurant & Craft Shop adjoins the festival and offers a festival buffet and expertly crafted artworks in the craft shop. Admission $5, persons over 12. Discount rates are available for large groups and for multiple-day passes. Motor coach parking is available and will be reserved if advance call is received. Call 301-895-3332.

Aug.4 - Musician's Showcase— Noon - 1 pm.

Sept. 1 - Musician's Showcase— Noon - 1 pm.

Sept. 15-16 - 6th ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK — Saturday 9 am. Features runners and walkers participating in 5K, 10K run or walk. $18 registration fee.

2nd ANNUAL "My Heart's in the Arts" FINE ARTS FESTIVAL— Saturday 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday 11 am - 4 pm.Admission $5 over age 12.

Oct. 6 - Musician's Showcase, Noon - 2 pm.

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October 31- Village's 34th Summer Season Closes—5 pm.
Dec. 7-8 - 16th ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE"— Friday 4-8 pm & Sat. 12-8 pm. Stroll through 75-year old spruce forest, visiting artisans' studios in authentic restored log cabins. Free admission.

May 1 - September 30, 2001

GARRETT COUNTY FISHING CONTEST—Co-sponsored by Johnny's Bait House and the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. Weekly winners receive an emblem and citation, awards given for the season's largest catches. All fish must be registered at Johnny's Bait House on Route 219 at Deep Creek Lake. Call 301-387-6171.

May 1 - November 1, 2001

FRIEND FAMILY ASSOC. MUSEUM & GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY—261 Maple St. Friendsville. Open Wed., Fri., & Sat., 12-3 pm or by appointment. Depicts history of Friendsville, settled by John Friend in the early 1760's, and of the surrounding area. Contains artifacts of early Indian dwellers. Library contains 1,000 general genealogical books, files and compilations on most local families and large database on Friend family. Call 301-746-4690 or 301-746-5615 for an appointment or e-mail: **friendfamilyassoc@iceweb.net** Admission free, contribution is expected for appointments.

Opens Memorial Day Weekend

BROADFORD RECREATION AREA OPENS—Located off Route 135 near Oakland. Start the summer season off right at beautiful Broadford Park which offers swimming, fishing, 4 picnic pavilions, sand volleyball, basketball, boating and many fun-filled hours for the whole family. Handicap accessibility. Open 9 am to dusk. $3 a car on weekends and holidays, $2 a car on weekdays. Call 301-334-2691.

Memorial Weekend thru Sept. 22

SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET—Every Saturday Memorial Weekend thru Sept. 22nd. Located in Springs, PA (3 miles north of Grants-ville, MD off I-68 exit 19). Local produce, baked goods, flea market, antiques, and lunch stand. Call 814-662-4290.

SPRINGS MUSEUM—Wed. - Fri., 1 pm - 5 pm; Sat., 9 am - 5 pm. Located in Springs, PA (3 miles north of Grantsville, MD off I-68 exit 19). A rich treasure-store of history, folklore and traditions. Educational for young and old! Call 814-662-2625 or 814-662-4159.

Memorial Day Thru Labor Day

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST—Discovery Center. "Bringing Natural Resources and People Together." Pick up an entry form at the Discovery Center. Call 301-387-7067 or e-mail: **dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net** .

SAILBOAT RACING—Held on the southern end of Deep Creek Lake every weekend, Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 1 pm. Starts at Turkey Neck Cove. Best viewed by boat. Call the Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association at 301-387-7890 or 540-869-7190 or visit **www.DCSLA.com** or **www.saildeepcreek.com**.

STATE PARKS—Campfires, nature hikes and identification, arts and crafts, tours & demonstrations, cross-country ski tours and races are sponsored by the Maryland State Parks. For information, contact any of the State Parks in the County:

Deep Creek Lake State Park/ Discovery Center— 301-387-7067

New Germany State Park— 301-895-5453

Swallow Falls State Park— 301-334-9180

Herrington Manor State Park— 301-334-9180

Potomac/Garrett State Forest— 301-334-2038

June-August 2001

Semi Pro Baseball Games—Saturdays and Sundays 2 pm, Garrett Community College. Double Header on Sunday at 2 pm. Semi Pro Baseball League founded in 1949 with teams from Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Oakland has been in the league since 1973 and plays home games at Garrett Community College. Past league players include Bob Robertson, John Kruk, Leo Mazonne, and Sammy Perlozzo. Organized by Pen Mar Baseball League. Call 301-334-4491 or e-mail: **terryrhelbig@netscape.net** for details.

SAVAGE RIVER RESERVOIR CANOE TRIPS—Savage River State Forest. Relax on an evening canoe trip around the scenic Savage River Reservoir. These guided two-hour trips will focus on the forest resource surrounding the reservoir. Basic canoeing skills will be covered before and during the trip. Fee $5 per person, limited spaces available. Call for dates and times at 301- 895-5759.

Year -Round Events

BINGO

Elks BPOE 2481 - **Sundays,** Doors open 12:30 pm, Early Bird at 1:55 pm. Regular games at 2:30. All paper games. Located at 100 Elk Street, Oakland. Food available. No one under 18 admitted. Bingo held three Sundays per month. Call for confirmation, 301-334-1119.

American Legion Bingo-**Mondays,** Door opens 5 pm, games start 7:30 pm. Grantsville American Legion Hall, off Dorsey Hotel Road, behind Casselman Inn, Grantsville. Call 301-895-5247.

Deer Park V.F.W. - **Tuesdays**, Route 135, Early Bird 6:30 pm. Regular games 7 pm. Call 301-334-9109.

Eastern Garrett Fire Department - **Tuesdays,** 7 pm. Take I-68 to Exit 29, Finzel. All games are played on paper cards so bring your dobber out for an evening of fun. Call 301-689-5431.

St. Peter's Catholic Social Hall - **Wednesdays,** next to Courthouse on 4th Street, Oakland. Doors open 5 pm. Regular games begin at 6:30 pm. Food available. No smoking. All paper games. No one under 18 admitted. Call 301-334-2202.

Oakland Volunteer Fire Company - **Thursdays,** 6:30 pm. Third Street, Oakland. Food available. All paper games. No one under 18 admitted. Call 301-334-3535.

Southern Garrett Band Boosters - **Fridays,** National Guard Armory, 8th Street, Oakland. Doors open at 5:30 pm, all paper, smoke free, games begin at 6:30. Regular, mystery #, bonanza and jackpot games. No children allowed. Call 301-334-4170 or 301-334-4475.

Second & Fourth Mondays

WESTERN STYLE SQUARE DANCING—7 - 9:30 pm, the Mt. Top Promenaders Square Dance Club in the Broadford Elementary School Cafeteria. For information, call Louise and Doyle Biser 301-334-9724.

Garrett County Facts

Garrett County forms the northwestern edge of Maryland. It is considered Maryland's mountaintop playground; one-fifth of the County consists of parks, lakes, and publicly-owned forest land. Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest inland body of water, is the focus of the County's recreation industry. Oakland, the County seat and business center, is 106 miles from Pittsburgh and 188 miles from Baltimore.

Garrett County's 840 businesses employ 8,300 workers; an estimated 14 of these businesses have 100 or more workers. Major private employers include Flushing Shirt Co., Harbison-Walker Refractories, The Data Entry Company, Inc., and the Mettiki Coal Corporation. Central Garrett Industrial Park, Southern Garrett Industrial Park, and Northern Garrett Industrial Park are State Enterprise Zones. Garrett County is a HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) Zone as designated by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Garrett County is also one of 7 counties participating in the One Maryland Program which offers significant tax credits for capital investments that create jobs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

County Seat ..... *Oakland*
Government ... *Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms*
Elevation ..... *Ranges from 900 to 3,300 feet above sea level*
Land Area ..... *657 square miles*

DEEP CREEK LAKE

Elevation ..... *2,462 feet*
Area of lake at full pool ..... *3,900 acres*
Average depth ..... *26 ½ feet*
Maximum depth ..... *72 feet*
Summer surface temperature ..... *73° F*
Summer bottom temperature ..... *49° F*
Ice cover in mid-winter ..... *18 inches, approx.*

CLIMATE

Average yearly precipitation ..... *47.3"*
Average yearly snowfall ..... *82.0"*
Average summer temperature ..... *65.9° F*
Average winter temperature ..... *28.0° F*
Average duration of freeze-free period ..... *122 days*

Data is based on 30-year averages. Maryland State Office of Climatology.

LOCATION (Highway distance from Oakland)

	Miles	Kilometers
Baltimore, MD	188	303
Boston, MA	558	898
Chicago, IL	473	761
New York, NY	365	587
Philadelphia, PA	282	454
Pittsburgh, PA	106	171
Richmond, VA	234	377
Washington, DC	171	275

POPULATION

Year	Garrett County	Western Maryland *	Maryland
1990	28,138	224,477	4,780,753
1995**	29,450	230,500	5,034,600
2000**	29,150	230,400	5,219,125
2005**	30,100	234,800	5,455,175
2010**	30,900	238,950	5,651,525
2015**	31,550	242,600	5,844,375

* *Allegany, Garrett & Washington Counties.* ** *Projection. (June, 1999).*

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION (1998)

	Male		Female		Total	
Age	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 5	870	6.0	820	5.5	1,690	5.8
5-19	3,660	25.5	3,480	23.4	7,140	24.4
20-44	4,730	32.9	4,810	32.4	9,540	32.6
45-64	3,230	22.5	3,330	22.4	6,560	22.4
65+	1,890	13.1	2,420	16.3	4,310	14.8
Total	14,380	100.0	14,860	100.0	29,240	100.0

Estimated by the MD Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Division of Health Statistics.

1998 EMPLOYMENT (By Place of Work)

Industry	Annual Average Employment	Percentage	Average Weekly Wage
Federal Government	79	0.8	$618
State Government	121	1.2	443
Local Government	1,239	12.8	513
Private Employment	8,265	85.2	376
Construction	693	7.2	410
Manufacturing	1,129	11.6	451
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	415	4.3	492
Retail Trade	2,102	21.7	267
Wholesale Trade	445	4.6	345
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	448	4.6	364
Services	2,478	25.5	333
Other	555	5.7	740
Total	9,704	100.0	396

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Labor Market Analysis & Information.

1998 EFFECTIVE BUYING INCOME

	Percent Households		
Distribution	Garrett County	MD	U.S.
Under $15,000	29.2	13.1	19.6
$15,000 - $24,999	22.2	12.5	15.7
$25,000 - $49,999	32.6	32.7	32.1
$50,000 - $74,999	12.2	23.7	19.0
$75,000 & over	3.8	18.0	13.6
Median Household	$24,348	$43,628	$35,377
Average Household	$30,253	$52,040	$45,504
Per Capita	$11,086	$19,133	$16,895
Total EBI (Millions)	$324	$98,772	$4,621,492

Note: Effective Buying Income is money income less personal tax and nontax payments. It is commonly known as "disposable income."
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EDUCATION

	Public Schools	Private Schools
Number:	9 Elementary 5 Middle/ Combined 3 High	7
Enrollment:	5,082 (1998-99)	150 (1998-99)
Cost Per Pupil:	$6,472 (1997-98)	
Staff/ 1,000 Students:	77 (1998-99)	

SAT *Scores*:
517 - Math; 496 - Verbal (1999)

Educational Attainment-age 25 and over:
High School Graduate or Higher 64.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher 9.5%

Career and Technical Education (CTE): The County secondary schools offer career/technical programs and include courses in agricultural production, carpentry, drafting, industrial electronics, food management, general office services, machine tool operation, and mechanics. Over 900 secondary students are enrolled in vocational/ occupational courses countywide. Garrett Community College also offers career and technical programs.

Higher Education: Garrett Community College, a two-year college, has an enrollment of approximately 700. More than 35,000 students are enrolled in 7 institutions of higher education within 60 miles of Oakland.

Maryland State Department of Education and Higher Education Commission; U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways: U.S. 40, U.S.50, U.S.219, and the National Freeway (I-68), with easy access to I-81 and I-79.

Rail: CSX Transportation.

Truck: 11 motor freight common carriers serve the County.

Air: Scheduled service at Morgantown, West Virginia (40 miles from Oakland) and Cumberland, Maryland (50 miles from Oakland). Charter service at Garrett County Airport near Deep Creek Lake.

Water: Served by the Port of Baltimore, 50' channel; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; 5 public terminals including a state-of-the-art container terminal; 190 miles from Oakland.

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GARRETT COUNTY AIRPORT—Located on Bumble Bee Road near McHenry, 2 miles from Deep Creek Lake and Wisp Ski area. Airport has a 3,000-foot asphalt landing strip with pilot activated runway lights for night fliers. Offers charter service, sightseeing rides, flight instruction, aerial photography, banner towing and ground transportation. For information, call (301) 387-4100.

GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Located in Oakland, 1 block off Route 219 on the corner of 4th Street & Memorial Drive. Emergency Department provides 24-hour physician services. Inpatient areas include 61 Med/Surg beds, 7 obstetrical beds, 4 coronary/ intensive care unit beds, a progressive care unit, 4 pediatric beds, a fully-equipped surgical suite, and a 10-bed subacute care unit. Services available include outpatient surgery, cardiac treatment, dietary counseling, EEG and EKG testing, IV therapy, vascular lab services, ultrasound, laboratory, mammography, nuclear medicine testing, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, social work, blood pressure screening, Pacer clinic, positive parenting program, and community wellness programs. The Garrett County Health Department, with full services, is located in the hospital.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY—There are 3 industrial parks strategically located in the County ranging from 40 to 150 acres. Most sites are served by all utilities. All three parks are accessed from a State highway. The park in the southern part of the County has rail availability, while the sites in the northern part have ready access to the National Freeway (I-68). Prices for fully-developed industrial sites range from $10,000 to $15,000 per acre. All are designated State Enterprise Zones and priority funding areas.

LOCATION—Forty percent of the nation's population can be reached overnight by truck. Garrett County's location provides easy access to the mid-western, eastern and southern markets via the Interstate highway system. Garrett County offers very affordable, reliable, non-union, skilled labor, superb quality of life and a great business climate. There are a large number of skilled craftsmen in the local area. Local culture, heritage and the nature of life in Garrett County promote such skills. Absenteeism rates of 1-2% are not unusual and serve as a testament to the local work ethic.

To learn more about Garrett County and what it has to offer new and expanding businesses, contact the Garrett County Economic Development Office by phone at (301) 334-1921 or e-mail at GCED@gcnet.net or visit our web page at http://gcjobs.co.garrett.md.us

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Electricity: The Allegheny Power System, and Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Gas: Natural gas is supplied by Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

Water: Municipal or County systems in Accident, Bloomington, Crellin, Friendsville, Gorman, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Loch Lynn Heights, Mountain Lake Park, Oakland, and Shallmar.

Sewer: Municipal or County systems in Accident, Bloomington, Crellin, Deep Creek Lake, Friendsville, Gorman, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Loch Lynn Heights, Mountain Lake Park, and Oakland.

Telecommunications: Local Carrier: Bell Atlantic - Maryland. Long Distance Carriers: AT&T, MCI WorldCom, Sprint, and over 250 additional carriers and resellers of WATS and MTS. Multiple internet service providers.

Internet Service Provider: Garrett Rural Information Cooperative, ICEWEB and TCI.

LABOR AVAILABILITY

	Garrett County	
Civilian Labor Force (1999 *annual averages*)*:		
Total Civilian Labor Force	13,476	
Employment	12,334	
Unemployment	1,142	
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	
Residents commuting outside the County to work (1999)**:	2,549	20.7%
Employment in selected occupations (1999)**		
Professional and Technical	1,446	11.7%
Manufacturing, Trade, and Distribution	4,807	39.0%

*By place of residence.
**Estimated based on percentages from the 1990 Census.
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Office of Labor Market Analysis and Information; Maryland Office of Planning in conjunction with U.S. Bureau of the Census.

WAGE RATES

Selected Occupations:	1999 Average Hourly Wage
Assemblers and Fabricators except machine	$9.13
Bookkeeping/ Accounting Clerks	9.69
Data Entry Keyers	6.83
Electrical Engineering Technicians	17.90
General Maintenance Repairers	10.46
Hand Packers	7.58
Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	10.14
Industrial Truck Operators	12.88
Machinery Maintenance Mechanics	17.77
Machinists	11.07
Packing/Filling Machine Op.	10.36
Receptionists	8.60
Secretaries	10.23
Shipping/Receiving Clerks	9.40
Stock Clerks	8.49

Note: Wages are an estimate for Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties). Wages may vary by industry, employer, and locality.
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Reg., Office of Labor Market Analysis and Information.

SELECTED EMPLOYERS

Firm— Product	Employment
All Pure Spring Water— *Bottled Water*	32
The Beitzel Corporation— *Metal Fabrication Products*	155
Demaree Inflatable Boats— *Rubber Boats*	21
Financial Computer Support, Inc.—*Computer Software*	50
First United National Bank and Trust—*Bank*	135
Flushing Shirt Uniform Co.— *Shirts*	240
Garrett Container Systems, Inc.— *Aluminum Containers*	46
Harbison-Walker Refractories— *Fire Clay & Brick Products*	80
Hobby House Press, Inc.— *Publication Distributor*	30
Merkle Response Services— *Data Processing*	70
Mettiki Coal Corporation— *Processed Coal*	275
Phenix Technologies, Inc.— *High Voltage Testing Equipment*	70
Recreational Industries, Inc.— *Ski Resort Management*	150
Simon Pearce— *Hand Blown Glassware*	48
The Data Entry Company, Inc. (TDEC)—*Data Processing Service*	175
Wood Products, Inc.— *Hardwood Lumber*	165
Yoder's, Inc.—*Meat Packing*	135

TAXES

Property Tax

(Fiscal 2000 - Per $100)	Garrett County	Maryland
Real Property Tax Rate	$2.59*	$0.21
Effective Rate (assessed at 40%)	$1.036	$0.084
Business Personal Property Tax Rate (taxed on depreciated value)	$2.59	$0.00
R&D machinery, equipment, materials & supplies.	Taxable**	$0.00
Manufacturing machinery, equipment materials and supplies	Taxable**	$0.00
Manufacturing R&D Inventory	Exempt	$0.00
Warehousing Inventory	Exempt	$0.00

Note: For qualifying firms, Enterprise Zone incentives are available.
*In addition to this rate, there are some miscellaneous taxes and/or special taxing areas in the County. In an incorporated area, a municipal rate will also apply.
**Upon application to the County, a new or expanding firm may be eligible for a tax credit.

Income Tax

State Corporate Income Tax - 7% on net income attributable to business transacted within Maryland. No County tax.

State Personal Income Tax - For 2000, the top tax bracket is 4.85%, of taxable income over $3,000, which is being reduced incrementally to 4.75% by 2002.

County Personal Income Surtax - 2.51% of taxable income.

Sales and Use Tax

State - 5% on tangible personal property sold at retail or used in Maryland. This tax does not apply to sales for resale. It does not apply to a manufacturer's purchase of raw materials nor manufacturing machinery and equipment.Tax exemptions for research and development firms include: purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products, and purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale.

County - None.

Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation; Comptroller of the Treasury.

Hotels, Motels, Condos

Hotel, Motel, Condo, or Conference Center Address/Phone	Refer To Ad On Page	Credit Cards	# Rooms/ Cottages/Condos	Conference/ Retreat	Air Conditioned	Handicap Accessible	Pets
The Board Room Motel Oakland • 301-334-2126	63	Yes	13 Rooms, 1 Apartment	No	Yes	No	Yes
Casselman Inn Grantsville • 301-895-5055	113	Yes	44 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Comfort Inn @ Deep Creek Lake Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4200 or 800-225-5150	63	Yes	2 Suites 73 Rooms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dreamland Motel Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-6696	63	Yes	10 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Innlet Motor Lodge Deep Creek Lake • 800-540-0763 or 301-387-5596	66	Yes	20 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lake Breez Motel Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5503 Ext. 2206	70	Yes	10 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lake Side Motor Court Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5503 Ext. 2205	70	Yes	10 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Little Meadows Motel Grantsville • 301-895-5142	66	Yes		No			Yes
The Lodge at Sawmill Hollow Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-8455	151	No	7 Rooms	Yes	No	Yes	No
Long Branch Motel Mountain Lake Park • 301-334-4533	118	Yes	12 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Oak-Mar Motel Oakland • 301-334-3965	66	Yes	24 Rooms	No	Yes	No	No
Panorama Motel & Efficiency Apartments Deep Creek Lake • 800-700-9257 or 301-387-5230	67	Yes	20 Rooms	No	Yes	No	No
Pine Oaks Lodge & Cottages Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5115	68	No	4 Rooms, 2 Cottages	No	Lodge Yes	No	No
Point View Inn Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5555	69	Yes	20 Rooms	No	No	Yes	No
Riverside Cafe - The Crows Nest Friendsville • 301-746-5244	121	Yes	2 Guest Suites	No	Yes	No	No
Savage River Lodge 301-689-3200 • www.savageriverlodge.com	71	Yes	Lodge & 18 Cabins	Yes	Lodge Yes	Yes	Yes
Starlite Motel Oakland • 301-334-8686	70	Yes	18 Rooms	No	Yes	Yes	No
Swallow Falls Inn Oakland • 301-387-9348	152	Yes	3 Cabins	No	No	No	Yes
Town Motel Oakland • 301-334-3955	73	Yes	17 Rooms	No	Yes	No	No
Will O' the Wisp Prestige Condominiums Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5503 Ext. 2206	70	Yes	47 Suites 4 Cottages	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wisp Mountain Resort Hotel & Conference Center Deep Creek • 800-462-9477 www.WispResort.com	74	Yes	102 Suites 66 Rooms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

For more accommodations, see Vacation Rentals Section beginning on page 140

Privately-Owned Campgrounds

Campgrounds Address/Phone	Refer To Ad On Page	Credit Cards	# Sites	Electricity	Bathhouse	Pets
Double G Ranch McHenry • 301-387-5481	64	Yes	110	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glen Acres Swanton • 301-387-9596	64	No	107	Yes	Yes	Yes

Bed & Breakfasts

Bed & Breakfast Address/Phone	Refer To Ad On Page	Credit Cards	# Rooms/ Suites/Cabins	Air Conditioned	Handicapped Accessible	Pets
Carmel Cove Inn Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-0067	64	Yes	10 Rooms	Yes	No	No
Casselman Valley Farm Grantsville • 301-895-3419	63	Yes	3 Rooms	No	No	No
The Deer Park Inn Deer Park • 301-334-2308	63	Yes	3 Rooms	No	No	No
Elliott House Victorian Inn Grantsville • 301-895-4250 or 800-272-4090	66	Yes	4 Rooms 3 Cottages	Yes	Yes	No
Haley Farm B&B and Retreat Center Deep Creek Lake • 1-888-231-FARM(3276), 301-387-9050	65	Yes	5 Rooms, 5 Suites	Yes	Yes	No
Lake Pointe Inn Deep Creek Lake • 1-800-523 LAKE (5253), 301-387-0111	68	Yes	8 Rooms	Yes	No	No
The Oak & Apple Oakland • 301-334-9265	68	Yes	5 Rooms	No	No	No
Red Run Lodge Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-2626	121	Yes	6 Rooms, 2 Suites	Yes	No	No
Savage River Inn Deep Creek Lake • 301-245-4440	69	No	2 Rooms, 2 Suites	Yes	No	No
Streams & Dreams Retreat Deep Creek Lake • 301-3-TROUT-1, 301-387-6881	72	Yes	3 Rooms, 1 Cottage	No	No	No
Walnut Ridge Grantsville • Toll Free 888-419-2568 or 301-895-4248	68	Yes	2 R, 1 Suite, 1 Cab., 1 Cot.	Yes	No	Yes

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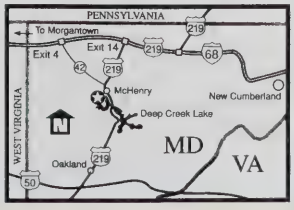

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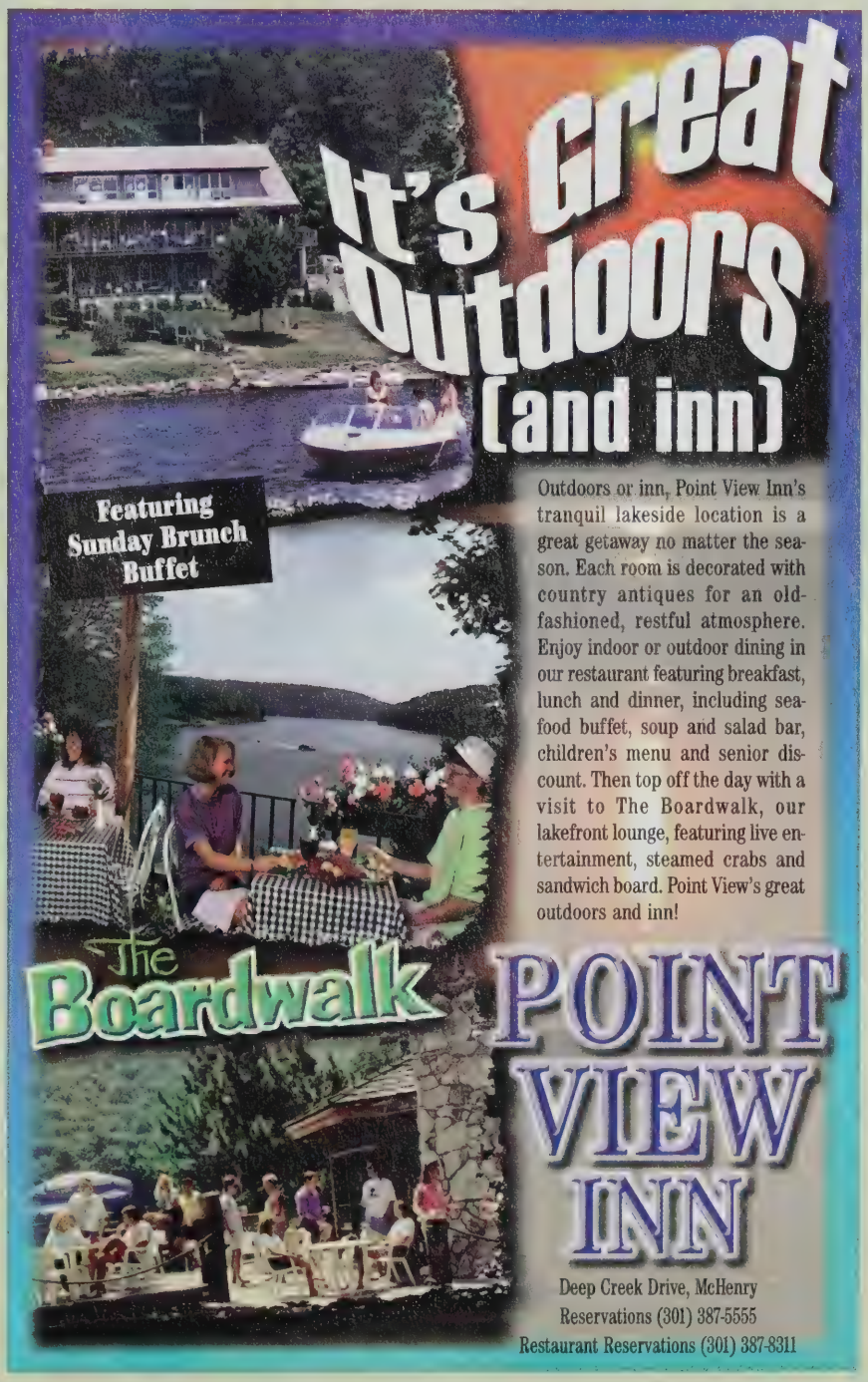

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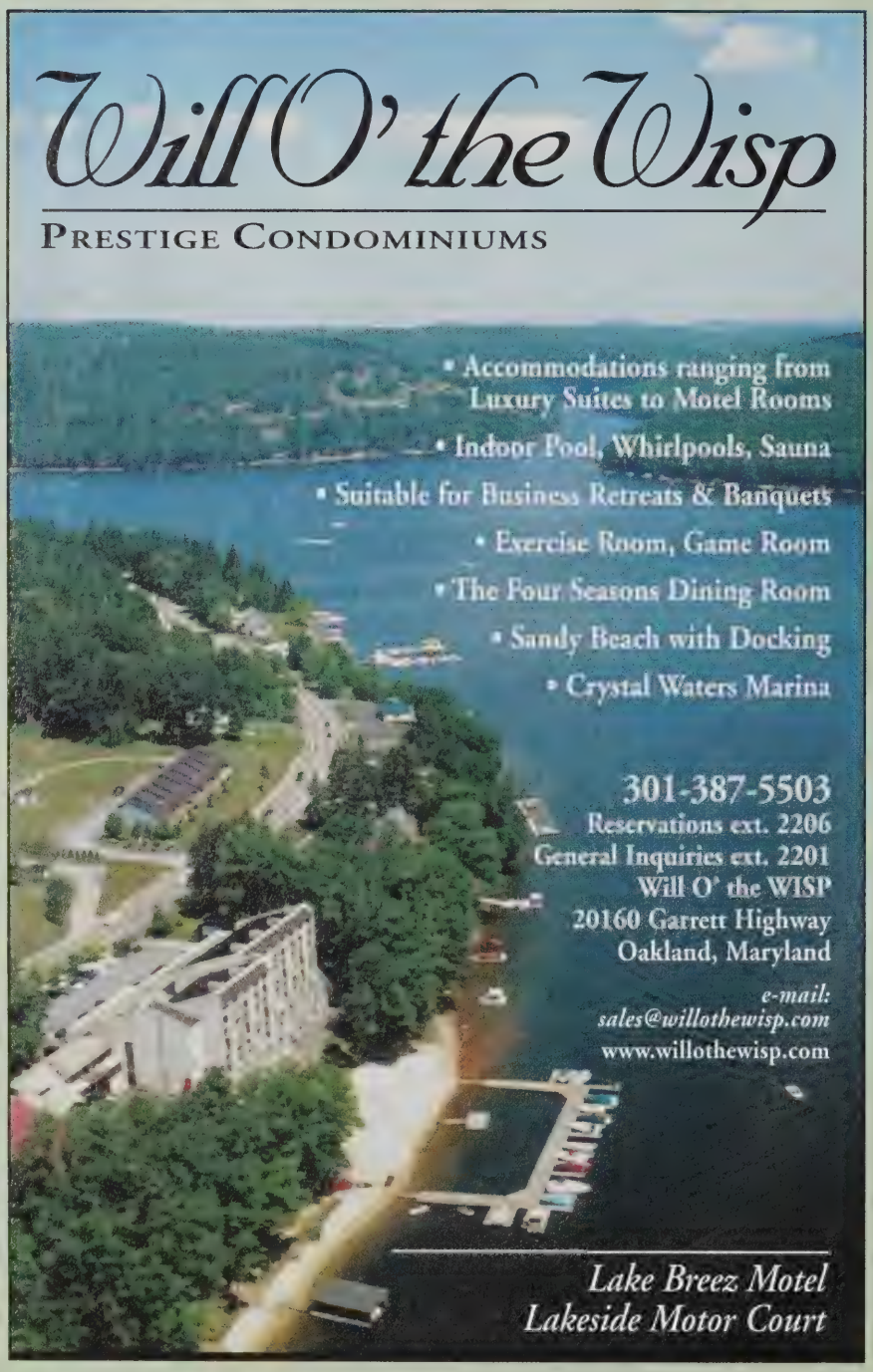

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The county was named for John W. Garrett of Baltimore who, as president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had done much to further the development of the area. During his presidency, the railroad built large summer resorts in Deer Park and Oakland. Deer Park became a resort for the wealthy before 1900. President and Mrs. Cleveland spent a week of their honeymoon there in 1886. The town of Mt. Lake Park was organized in 1881 as a summer religious and cultural center. After 1900, Garrett County's popularity as a summer resort declined, but the coming of Deep Creek Lake and the State Parks reversed the trend.

Coal and lumber have always been important industries in the County with the communities of Kitzmiller, Shallmar, Vindex, Kempton, and Jennings developing as mining centers, and Friendsville and Crellin as lumber and coal areas. Grantsville and Accident have remained primarily agricultural centers.

The Garrett County Historical Society was organized in 1941 under the leadership of the late historian Captain Charles E. Hoye, who edited its quarterly publication, the *Glades Star*. The magazine circulates throughout the United States to more than 500 members and has been continuously published for more than 50 years. The Society maintains its own building on Second Street in Oakland, the Garrett County Historical Museum, Mrs. Beth Friend, curator.

GARRETT COUNTY INDIANS— As near as can be determined, there were not any permanent Indian villages in Garrett County. However, it was criss-crossed by many paths and was a favorite summer camping ground for three identifiable tribes of Indians. These were the Delaware and Shawnee tribes and a local group known as Mingos.

The earliest Indians to be in this whole area were the Mound Builders, and although none of their culture remains, evidence of their presence can be found in nearby West Virginia

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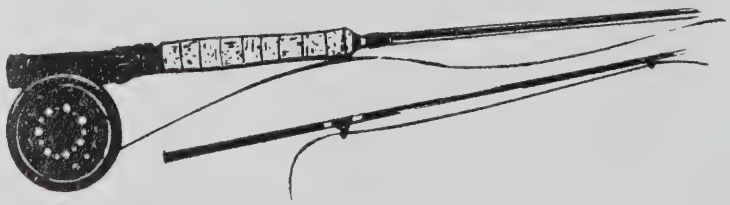

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counties. A pictograph known as the Feather Rock Petroglyph exists just west of the State line in Preston County, WV.

A number of Indian campsites have been identified in the County from the concentration of artifacts found along rivers and streams at various locations. An archaeological dig at Friendsville revealed that there was a large camp there, and some artifacts from this dig are displayed in the Friend Family Association Museum in the town.

Another archaeological dig at a Garrett County shelter cave known as "Indian Rocks" unearthed Archaic period arrowheads dating back several thousand years.

Many Indian trails criss-crossed Garrett County. One in the northern part of the county was called Nemacolin's Path. In 1749, it was widened into a packhorse trail by the Colonial, Ohio Company of Virginia. Nemacolin, an Indian chief who lived near the present city of Brownsville, PA., supervised the work and his name was given to the trail.

Another Indian trail was the Glades Path, which came from the Potomac River area, over Backbone Mountain and ended at Oakland where it met two other trails. One of these trails was a north-south one; the present U.S. 219 follows the general route of this trail. The second one was called the Great Indian War Path. It ran roughly east and west through the County. In the mid-1700's an Indian trader named McCullough widened this path into a pack horse trail connecting Virginia settlements with the Ohio River at Wheeling.

The question often arises, "What happened to the Indians of Garrett County?"

It is known that the Shawnee Indians began moving into the Ohio territory about 1730; probably members of the other tribes did the same. However, there were some Indians who stayed here, made Garrett County their home, and eventually married into the early settlers' families.

GEOGRAPHY—Garrett County is located in the extreme western section of Maryland. It is bordered on the north by Pennsylvania and on the west and south by West Virginia. Roughly triangular in shape and containing 662 square miles, it is the second largest county of Maryland in land area. The Potomac River forms the southern boundary and meanders irregularly northeastward to the Allegany County line. The 1990 population is approximately 40 persons per square mile. It is among the more sparsely populated counties in the state of Maryland.

The topography of Garrett County is largely mountains. All of the county lies within the Appalachian Plateau. The average elevation of the county is 2,300 feet above sea level. There are five main mountain ridges: Backbone Mountain, Savage Mountain, Meadow Mountain, Negro Mountain and Winding Ridge. The highest point in the county is Backbone Mountain, 3,360 feet. The lowest point, 900 feet, is in the middle of Savage River where it empties into the Potomac.

There is a continental divide in Garrett County. It runs along the crest of Backbone and Meadow Mountains; the water flowing down the eastern slope goes into the Chesapeake Bay via the Potomac River. The water on the western slope flows into the Gulf of Mexico, via the Youghiogheny, Monongahela, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers. The main tributary of the Potomac is the Savage River on which a large flood control dam was built. The Casselman River is the main tributary of the Youghiogheny.

ECONOMY—Garrett County's economy is influenced by numerous sectors. There have been recent growths in manufacturing. Several new companies have started operations recently and others have significantly expanded their operations. In all, there are 60 some manufacturers located throughout the county.

The dramatic growth in tourism-related business has positioned this sector as an extremely integral part of Garrett County's economy. The continued future growth of recreation-tourism related businesses

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may well be the driving force behind Garrett's economic well-being.

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INCORPORATED TOWNS— There are eight incorporated towns in Garrett County: Accident, Deer Park, Friendsville, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Loch Lynn Heights, Mountain Lake Park and Oakland. They provide various services within their jurisdiction and levy property taxes to meet their expenses. Each town has a mayor and council chosen in non-partisan elections. County voting registration does not include municipal voting privilege, and municipal elections are not held simultaneously with county & state elections. Citizens should consult their municipal authorities to determine where and when to register for municipal elections and when elections are held.

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from the State of Maryland and the physical restoration work began in October, 1991. However, before this work could start, a required archaeological site survey had to be conducted around the building. Most of the artifacts recovered by the archaeological team were those expected, a series of household items associated with 150 years of occupancy. Yet, one item was found which definitely tied the Drane House to the "frontier of the late 1700's." This was a 1780 era Spanish coin bearing the inscription "Curolus III." The coin recalled a common practice along the American Frontier of the late 1700's and early 1800's; that of using British or Spanish coins as a medium of exchange in place of the inflated paper money issued by the new United States government.

Since the cabin was almost 200 years old, some of its logs had to be replaced as a part of the restoration work. The building was dismantled and new logs put in here and there to replace the old ones. A unique part of this log replacement work was the use of old style tools such as the adze and double bladed axe to shape the new logs to the correct dimensions. The restoration work was completed in 1994 and over 100 Drane descendents and friends attended the ribbon cutting ceremony held in September of that year.

The Drane House is located at the end of Cemetery Road that runs past Zion Lutheran Church on the eastern edge of Accident. The house has now been restored and is open for tours upon request by calling the Accident Town Hall, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 301-746-6346. Admission is free and visitors are invited to visit this important part of Garrett County's past.

FAIRFAX STONE—The mighty Potomac River has very small beginnings. This rolling, sometimes raging, river forms most of the southern boundary for the state of Maryland. The Potomac River headwaters are at a point where the Garrett County (and Maryland) boundary joins with West Virginia's. The

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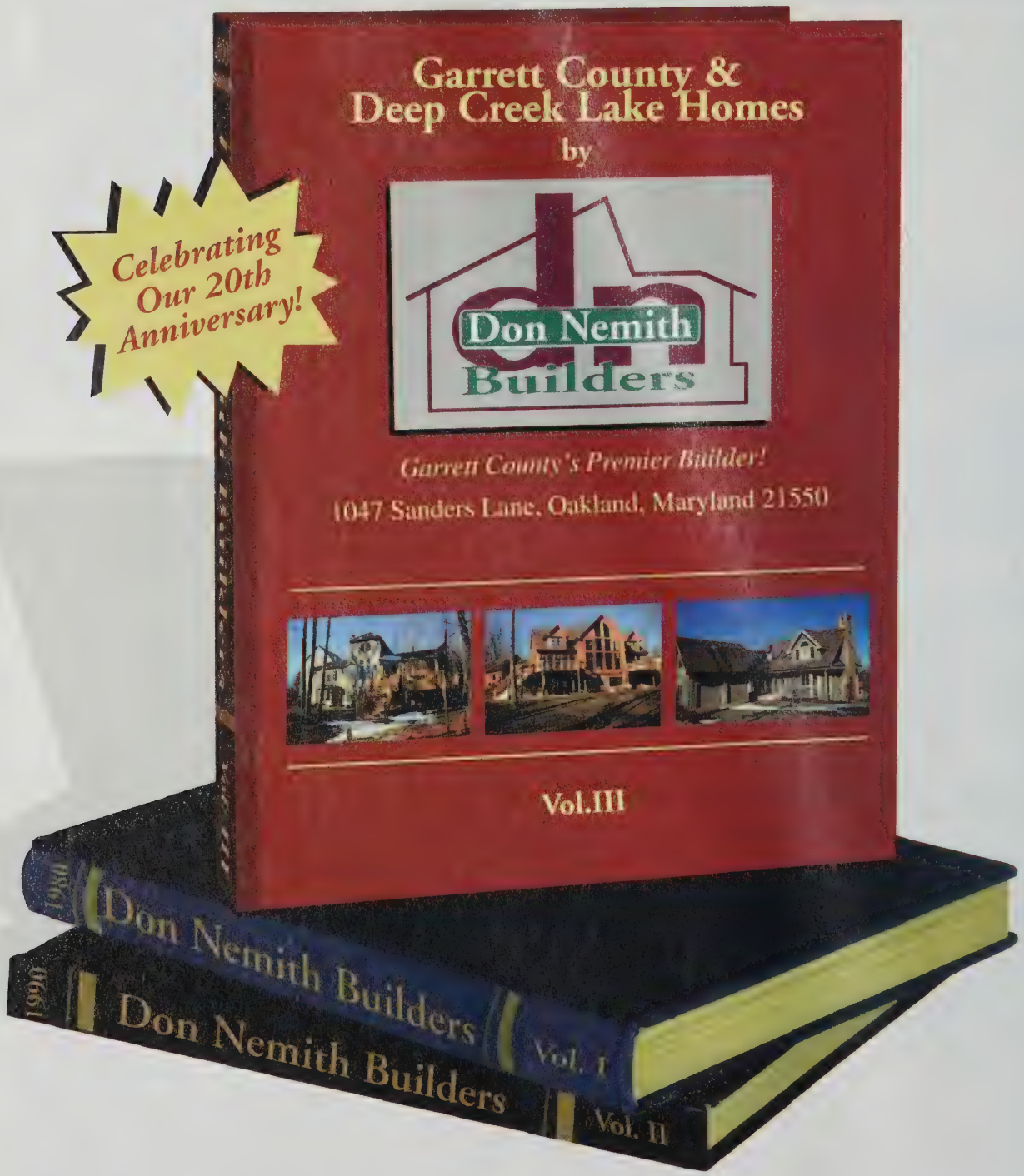

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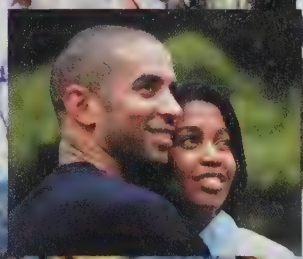

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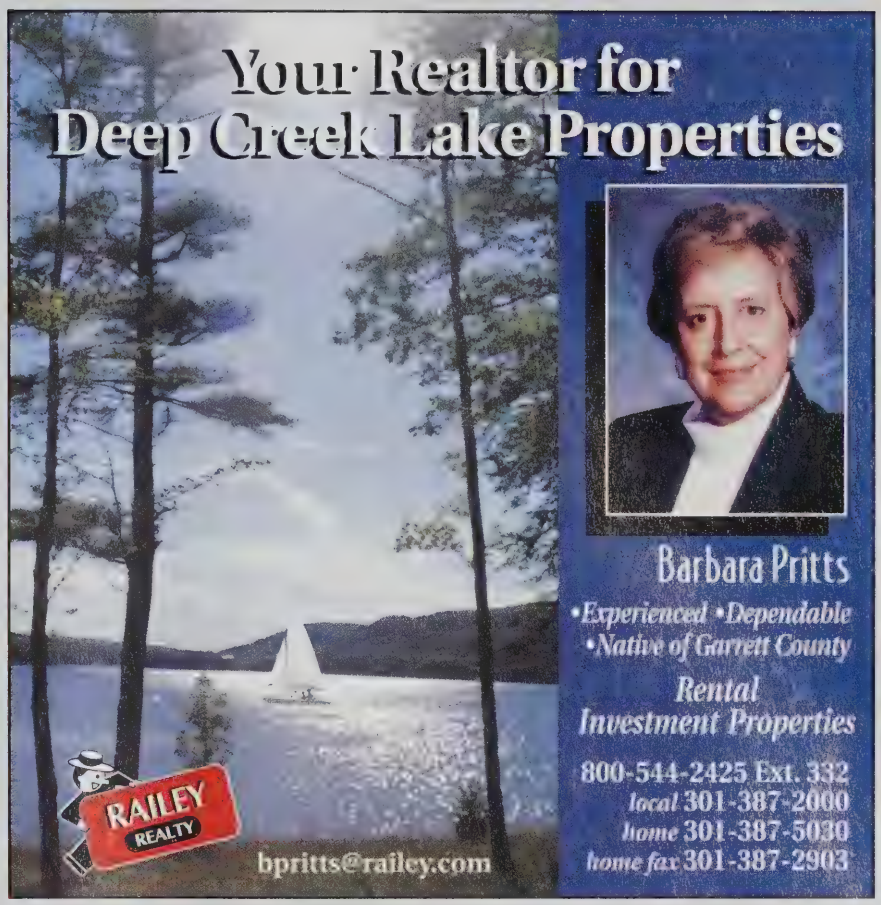

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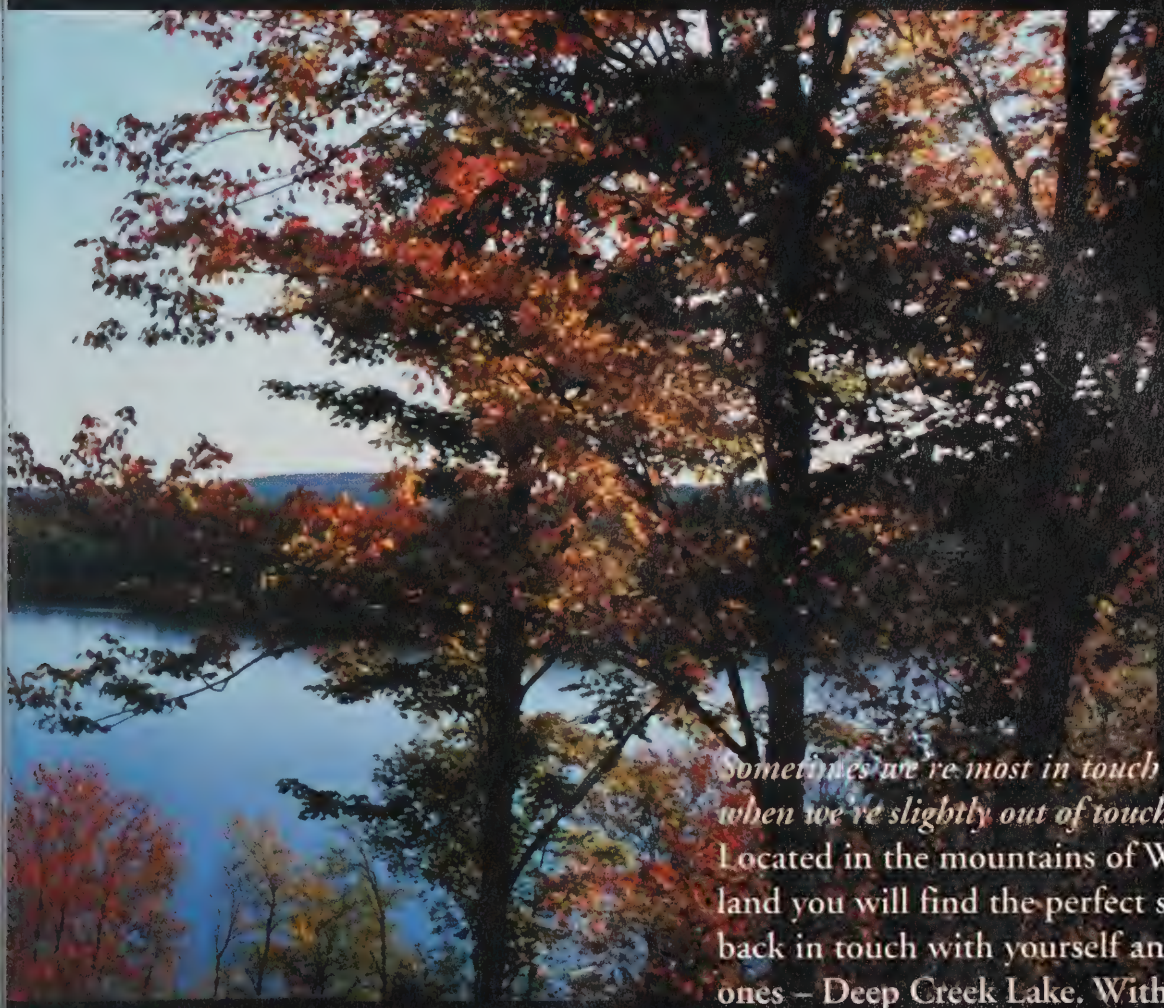

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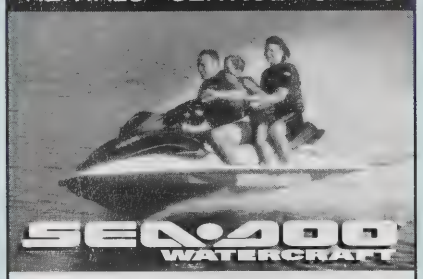

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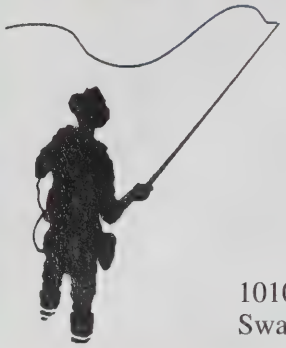

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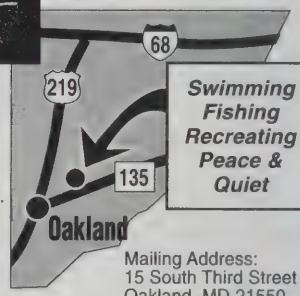

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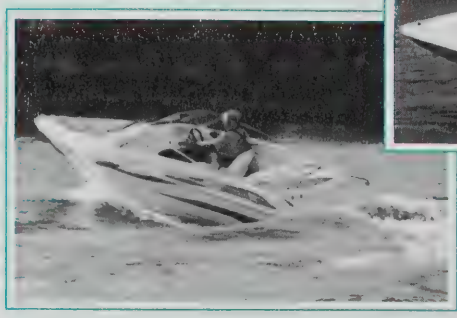

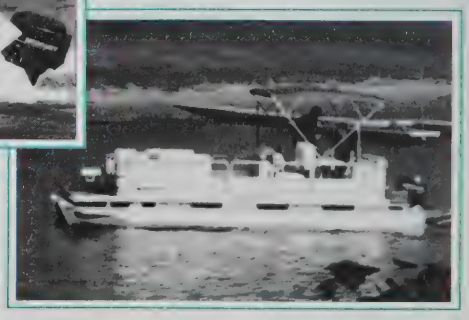

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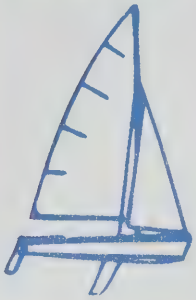

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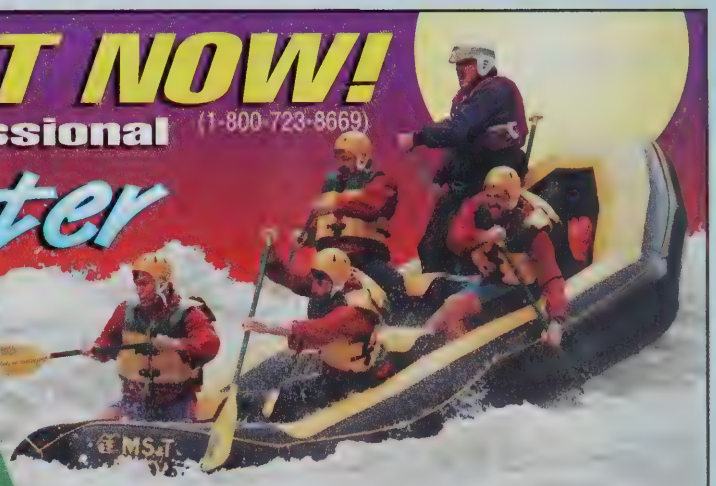

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FRIEND FAMILY ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY— The museum depicts the history of Friendsville, first settled by John Friend in the early 1760's. The museum and library contain artifacts of early Indian dwellers, 700 general genealogical books and files on most local families in addition to the Friend family. The museum is located on Maple Street in Friendsville and is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 12-3 p.m. or by appointment, May-November. Visitors desiring additional information may contact Ina Hicks at 301-746-5615.

FRIENDSVILLE—The site of the first settlement (Selbysport is the oldest town) in Garrett County, Friendsville was named for John Friend, Sr., who came to the area in 1765 and bought the land from the Indians. When the C&O Railroad was built in 1890, the town became an important shipping point for lumber products.

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GARRETT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM— Located at 107 South Second Street in downtown Oakland, the museum can be identified by a large sign over the doorway saying, "Garrett County Historical Society and Museum." The building serves as the headquarters for the Garrett County Historical Society as well as a 10-room museum displaying artifacts from Garrett County.

Formed in 1941, the Society accepted the challenge of recording the history of Garrett County and the immediate surrounding area that had an influence of the County's history. The Society publishes collected historical information in its quarterly publication, *The Glades Star.* (The magazine's name recalls a Garrett County newspaper by the same name which was published at the time of the County's formation in 1872.)

After the Society's formation in 1941, it soon became apparent that recording County history also included the preservation of artifacts. In November 1969, the Society opened its first museum, and it served as a center for visitors to the building as well as people interested in the genealogical library. After 25 years, the building became so crowded that it was necessary to have a larger one, and the Second Street property was purchased.

Many artifacts which are important to the historical and cultural development of Garrett County are preserved in the museum's collection. They are tastefully displayed in 10 different rooms.

One particular display, the Indian artifact collection has arrowheads that date back to the Archaic Period of Indian Culture. They are from a shelter cave in the northern part of the County where a small group camped each year during the summer.

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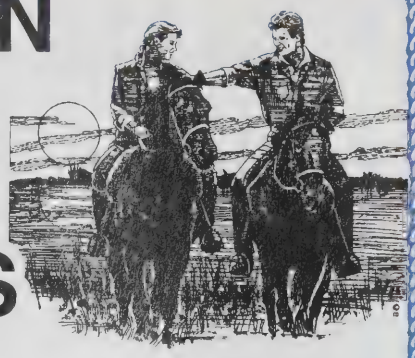

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Admission to the museum is free, although donations are gratefully accepted. Please call the Museum for hours of operation. Group tours can be arranged by telephoning 301-334-3226 or writing to the Society at P.O. Box 28, Oakland, MD 21550.

GRANTSVILLE—Grantsville is located two miles south of the Mason-Dixon Line on Route 40 off Exit 19 of Interstate 68. A pleasant community, Grantsville is the heart of some of the most productive farmland in the region (See display advertisement in this guide).

As the oldest and most historic section of Garrett County, Grantsville is the site of many historic landmarks. For example, the visitor will find the Casselman Hotel, built in 1824. It was first used by drovers and farmers traveling westward over the National Pike. Still in operation, the Casselman Hotel offers services to today's traveler.

The Casselman River Bridge, built in 1813 on Route 40 east of Grantsville, was the largest single-span stone arch bridge of its kind at the time of construction. The bridge offers excellent photographic opportunities, as well as picnic facilities in a charming setting.

One of the oldest gristmills in Garrett County is Stanton's Mill, located in Grantsville near Spruce Forest Artisan Village on Route 40. The mill dates back to 1797 and is an interesting stop for any visitor.

Grantsville also boasts Penn Alps, originally an 1818 stagecoach stop on the National Road (Route 40), just east of town. Penn Alps is now a restaurant and craft shop, which is the largest handicraft marketing facility in this mountain region. The adjacent Spruce Forest Artisan Village contains restored log cabins, school houses, a church and other rustic buildings which house a variety of working artisans during the year, Monday-Saturday. The village is closed on Sundays.

McHENRY—Named for Col. James McHenry of Baltimore, who was an aide to General George Washington during the American Revolution. Dr. McHenry was a physician, signer of the Constitution, and Secretary of War under two Presidents. Fort McHenry in Baltimore, site of the British bombardment during the War of 1812, was also named in his honor. On Route 219 at McHenry, overlooking Deep Creek Lake, a memorial plaque has been erected honoring Dr. McHenry.

The settlement was originally named "Buffalo Marsh" since the carcass of a large buffalo was found in the mud there by the first white men who visited the area.

McHenry is the site of Wisp, Maryland's only downhill ski slope; Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest freshwater lake and center of the area's recreational activities; Garrett Community College, a fully accredited 2-year learning institution; the Garrett County Visitors Center; and the Garrett County Fairgrounds, home of the annual County Agricultural Fair and many other events and activities.

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK—This town is located 1 mile east of Oakland on Maryland Highway (Rt. 135) and is Garrett County's largest municipality. Established in 1881 by a group of businessmen and Methodist ministers on 800 rural acres, it was envisioned to be a Chautauqua-style summer resort. The town was laid out by H.C. Faul, the engineer of Baltimore's Druid Hill Park. The resort offered religious as well as educational programs and provided vacationers with an alternative to "the sinful and frivolous diversions of nearby resorts". The B&O Railroad, which delineates the town's southern boundary, provided convenient access from the hot summers in Washington, D.C. Several large hotels, including the "Mountain Lake Park", accommodated the multitudes who visited during the late eighteen and early nineteen hundreds making it one of America's favorite vacation spots with its cool temperatures and scenic views. Recreational activities included tennis, bowling, croquet, swimming and boating on the 32-acre man-made lake.

Mountain Lake Park became an important center of the Chautauqua movement in Maryland and attracted thousands who came by train to hear prominent speakers of the day, which included Mark Twain, William Jennings Bryan and Billy Sunday. Four United States presidents visited or spoke at the 5,000 seat Bashford Amphitheatre that was razed in 1946. Its original ticket booth, which is featured on the town seal, serves as a museum and is the key landmark to the town's Historic District. This section is noted for the unique character and rich variety of Victorian architectural style homes. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. A brochure, which includes a walking map, is available at Mountain Lake Town Hall 301-334-2250 or from the Visitors Center.

Today, Mountain Lake Park remains a quiet residential community. The original lake has been replaced by Broadford Lake Park, which has a 138-acre lake and provides a peaceful setting for fishing, swimming, biking and family picnics. The Western Maryland Clay Court Tennis championships have been held the first weekend of August for the past 79 years at the Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club courts, next to Town Hall at the corner of Alleghany Drive and Maryland Highway.

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Restaurant Address/Phone	Refer To Ad On Page	Hours of Operation	Cocktails/ Entertainment	Breakfast/ Lunch/Dinner	Reservations Accepted
A&D Dairy Delite Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-9293	113	Summer 11:30a-10p	No	L/D	No
Arby's Drive Thru / Eat In / Carry Out Oakland • 301-334-8850	116	M-S 7a-10p Sun 8a-10p	No	B/L/D	No
Black Bear Restaurant McHenry • 301-387-9400	114	Open 7 Days 8a - 10p	C Beer/Wine	B/L/D	No
Black Bear Tavern McHenry • 301-387-6800	114	M-S 12noon-2a	C/E	L/D	No
BoardRoom Family Restaurant & Lounge Oakland • 301-334-2129	113	Open M-S at 10a	C Beer/Wine	L/D	Yes
Boardwalk at Point View Inn Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5555 Ext. 38	69	M-S Noon-2a	Yes	L/D	No
Cafe 219 Market Square McHenry • 301-387-4075	129	7:30a-3p	No	B/L All Day	No
Canoe on the Run Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5933	113	Open 7 days	Beer/Wine	B/L/D	No
Casselman Restaurant Grantsville • 301-895-5266 (closed Sundays)	113	Win. 7a-8p Sum. 7a-10p	No	B/L/D	Yes
Cinema Grill Restaurant Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4343	116	5p-?	Beer/Wine	D	No
Cornish Manor Restaurant & Lydia's Bakery Oakland • 301-334-6499	117	Tues-Sat. 11a-2p, 5p-?	C/E	L/D	Yes
Courtyard Lounge at McClive's Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-6172	117	Sum. M-S Win. F-S	Yes	L/D	No
Deep Creek Brewing Company Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-2182	115	11:30a-11p	C	L/D	No
The Deer Park Inn Deer Park • 301-334-2308	116	Varies Sum/Win.	C Beer/Wine	D	Yes
Denny's Restaurant Oakland • 301-334-8666	117	Open 24 hrs/day	No	B/L/D	No
Dr. Willy's Seafood Carry-out/Market Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-7380	116	April-Oct 11a-8p	No	L/D	No
Four Seasons Dining Room at Will O'the Wisp Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5503 Ext. 2201	118	Daily 7a-2p 5p-9:30p	C	B/L/D	Yes
Hilltop Inn Restaurant & Lounge Grantsville • 301-895-5168	116	Varies – Closed Mon.	C Beer/Wine	L/D	Yes
JG's Pub Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-6369	118	Open M-F @ 3 Sat @ noon	C	L/D	No
Keysers Ridge Auto/Truck Stop Keysers Ridge • 301-746-8710	119	Open 24 hrs.	No	B/L/D	No
Little Caesars Oakland • 301-334-6111	116	M-T 11a-10p F-S -11, S12-10	No	L/D	No
Little Sandy's Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-9850	118	M-Sat 6a-8p Sun 6a-7p	No	B/L/D	No
Long Branch Saloon Mountain Lake Park • 301-334-4533	118	Open @ 4p M-S	Yes	D	Yes
McClive's Restaurant & Courtyard Lounge Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-6172	117	S-Th 5p-10p F-S 5p-11p	C/E	D Sum. L/D	No
Oak-Mar Restaurant Oakland • 301-334-3965	72	Open 7 Days	No	B/L/D	No
Penn Alps Restaurant & Craft Shop Grantsville • 301-895-5985	118	M-S 7a-8p Sun 7a-3p	No	B/L/D	No

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Pizzazz Pizzeria at Wisp Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-9866	120	Daily 11a - 11p	Beer/Wine +Lounge	L/D	No
The PLACE at the Base of the Face at Wisp Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4911, Ext. 2170	120	Daily 7a-2p 5p-10p	C +Lounge	B/L/D	No
Point View Inn Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5555	69	7 Days 8a-10p	C	B/L/D	Yes
Red Run Lodge Restaurant & Lounge Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-2626	121	Sum. Noon-11p Win. 5p-?	C	L/D	Yes
Riverside Cafe Friendsville • 301-746-5244	121	M-Th 7a-5p F/S-8p;Sun8-4	No	B/L/D	No
Savage River Lodge 301-689-3200 • www.savageriverlodge.com	71	Call for Hours	C	B/L/D	Yes
The Silver Tree Center – Leone's Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4040 Ext. 102	123	M-S 5-10p Sun 4-10p	C	D	No
The Silver Tree Center – Larry's Blues Cellar Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4040 Ext. 104	123	Call for Hours	Yes	L/D	No
Smiley's Pizzeria @ The Fun Zone Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-0059 (Deliver)	106	Open 7 Days	Beer/Wine	L/D	No
Subway Oakland • 301-334-5259	130	10a - 10p	No	L/D	No
Traders' Coffee House Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-9245	122	Open Daily at 7:30a	No	B/L	No
Will O' the Wisp Catering & Banquet Services Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-5503 Ext. 2207	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisp Catering & Banquet Services Deep Creek Lake • 301-387-4911 Ext. 2133	74	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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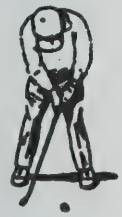

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Looking back into history for over 250 years, there is an answer to "why" this particular spot in the "Glades Country" should become a settlement and eventually the town of Oakland. The answer is that it was located at the junction of 3 major Indian trails which criss-crossed the area. First the Indians traversed these trails; later white men followed them through the area, which is now Oakland.

Passing through the area from the southeast was the famous War Path that later was cut out to become the McCullough Pack Horse Path. It ran from the South Branch of the Potomac River to the Ohio River at Wheeling. Evidence of the trail's popularity is the fact that George Washington chose it on his last trip to this region in 1748.

Seneca Trail was the name given to the north-south Indian path that also came through the Oakland area. Crossing the Glades at its narrowest point this path intersected the Glades Path and McCullough's Path on the western edge of what is now Oakland. U.S. 219 parallels this north-south trail as it comes through Garrett County.

A third Indian trail, running east and west through the County, was known as the Glades Path. Its western terminus was the point where it intersected the other two on the western edge of the area, which is now Oakland. This trail was a popular route followed by travelers since it gave easy access to the Savage River area and the Potomac River valley.

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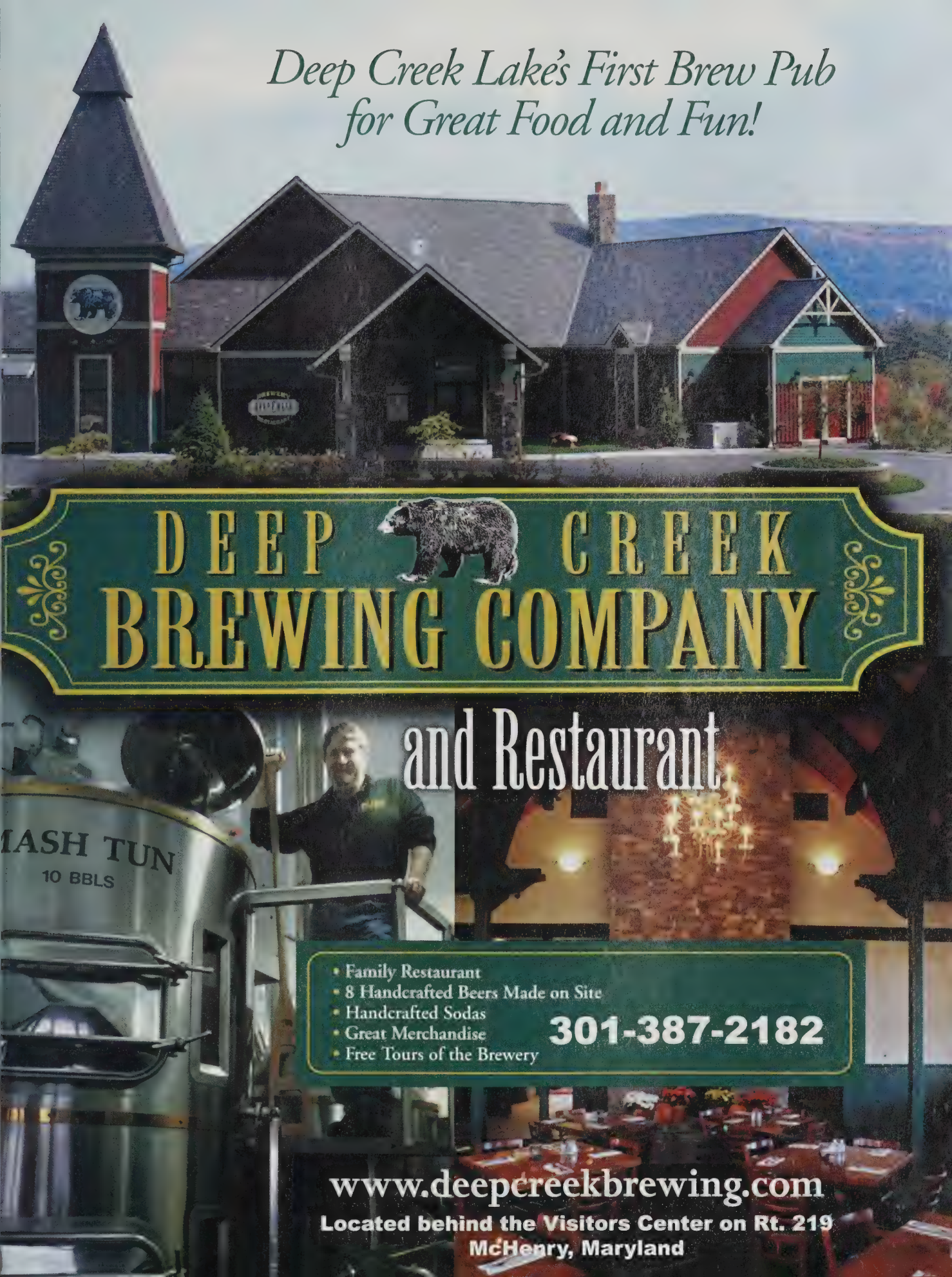
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Current existing sites of interest in Oakland include the Garrett County Courthouse, built in 1908; the Garrett County Historical Museum on Second Street; the B&O Railroad Station, "The Church of the Presidents" (St. Matthew's Episcopal Church) on Liberty Street; and the Ruth Enlow Library. See other entries in this book for additional information on other attractions.

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When Jesse Tomlinson built the gristmill, he took advantage of local geography. The Casselman River in this area makes a 1/2 mile "U" shaped loop, with the top of the "U" only several hundred yards wide. In the 1/2 mile distance, the river bottom drops about 20 feet, leaving a high bank at the lower end of the "U".

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The result was that even with a low water level in the river during the summer months, there would still be adequate water for operating the mill.

Today, a visitor to the Spruce Forest Artisan Village complex can still see the millrace as it runs under the old National Road, U.S. 40 and Interstate 68.

Stanton's Mill operated as an independent business until 1995 when it was purchased by the Spruce Forest Artisan Village group. At that time, it was the oldest, continuous operating business in Western Maryland. Present plans call for rejuvenation of the millrace, the water wheel and the turning of Stanton's Mill into a museum.

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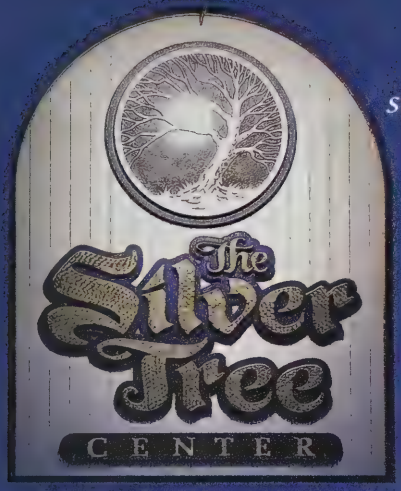

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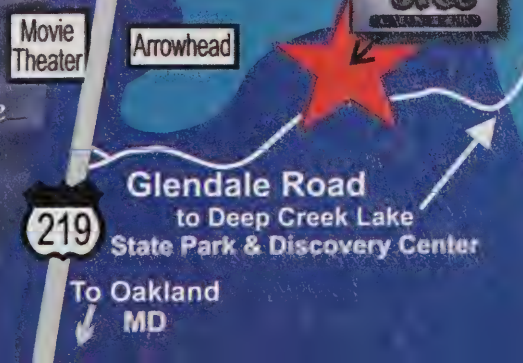

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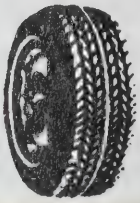

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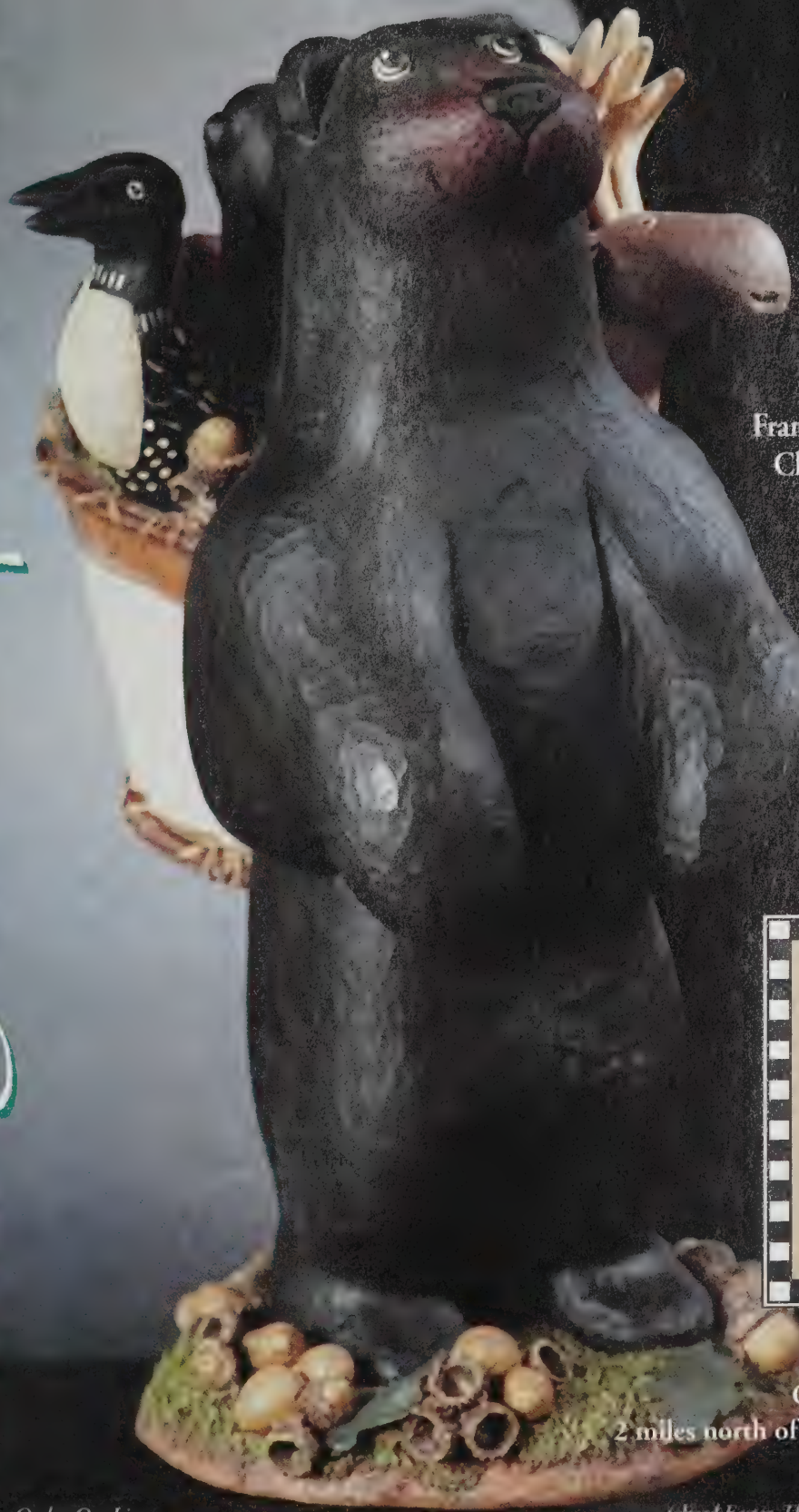

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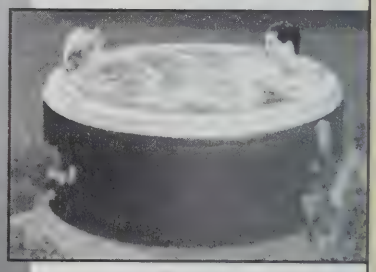

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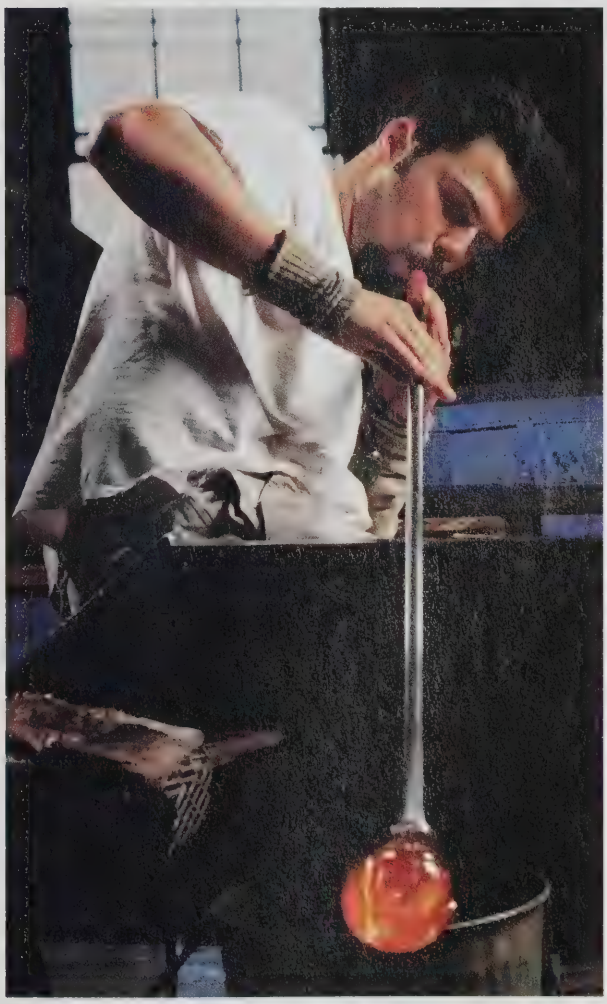

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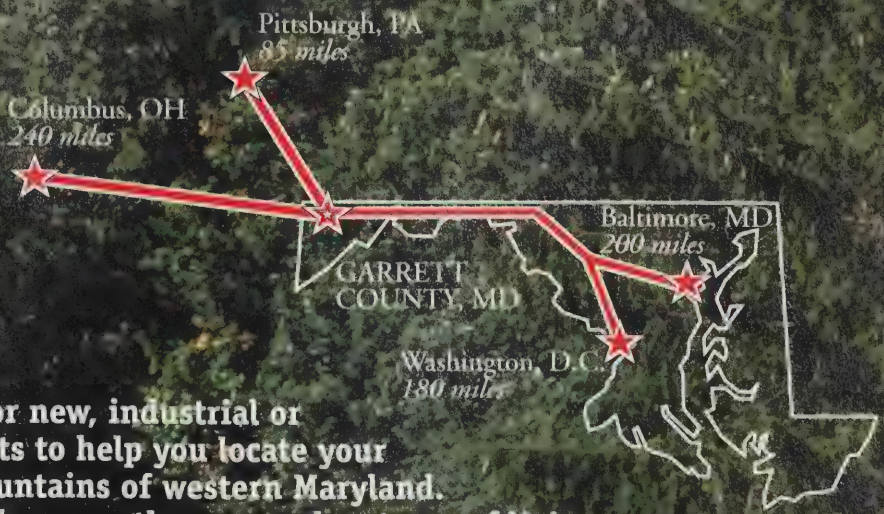

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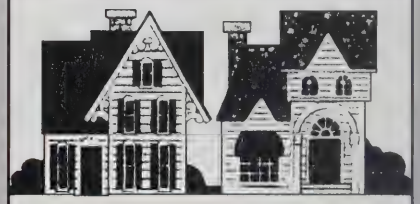

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Two 3 bedroom chalets. Lakefront with beautiful views of Wisp ski slopes. Sleeps 8-10, fully equipped kitchen, 2 baths, washer/dryer, CATV, phone, fireplace, deck, dock, grill and tot lot. Excellent enclosed swim area. Minutes from skiing, Swallow Falls, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, golf, fair-grounds, amusements, shopping and restaurants. Weekly rates include Summer ($850), Winter($595), Mid-season($495), and Off-season($395). Weekend rates range from $195-$335; special mid-week rates. Free brochure. Contact Larry Rosen (301) 896-0071 or Jerry Drake (301) 924-2323, at 19010 New Hampshire Avenue, Brinklow, MD 20862.

Elliott House Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast

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Glendale Road

Spacious log home in private wooded setting, just minutes from State Park and Wisp Resort. Fully-equipped kitchen, microwave, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, W/D, cable TV, VCR, fireplace, telephone, wrap-around deck with lake view, electric heat. Available year-round. Rental rates: Summer/Winter $630/week, $375/weekend. Spring/Fall $550/week, $275/weekend. Call or write: John Mullikin, 5008 52nd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781. Phone (301) 367-6744.

La Cabana

Enjoy this comfortable lake cottage that features a nice beach area with gradual slope into water, boat dock, picnic area, wooden swing, and a great sun exposure that lasts until the evening hours. The cottage has a spacious living room, family room with wood burning stove, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen and covered porch over-looking lake and dock. Sleeps 6. Equipped with cable TV, VCR, microwave and heating for winter rentals. No pets. $650/week; $295/weekend plus applicable taxes; Off-season and weekday rates available during off-season. Contact Rob Schildwachter or Felipe Chirinos @ (301) 896-0630.

Lake's Edge Cottage

Located on Deep Creek Drive, 3 miles from Wisp Ski Area. Living room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, family room, bath, 2 bedrooms. Sleeps 6 comfortably. Zone heated for winter rentals. NO PETS. Lakefront beach area and boat dock. $500/week, $200/weekend; Holiday and off season rates available. Call Rick/Marge Clever, Oakland, MD, 301-334-4884 OR Ron/Fran Weiland, Baltimore, MD, 410-859-1355.

Lakewood Resorts

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The Lodge at Sawmill Hollow

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The Mannion's Place

4 bedroom, 2 bath chalet in quiet community of Sky Valley. Includes fireplace, washer/dryer, microwave, dishwasher, VCR, TV, large deck, picnic table and grill. Sky Valley has a private beach, boat docks and playground. Maximum occupancy 10. No pets allowed. Non-smokers preferred. $650/week or $300/weekend. Off-season rates available upon request. Contact Charles & Nancy Mannion, 6201 Groveland Road, Linthicum, MD 21090 at 410-859-5874 or mannionsplace@yahoo.com

Mathias Cottage

All-season lakefront home on Harvey's Peninsula. Short drive to Wisp Ski Resort. 3 bedrooms/ 2 baths, accommodates up to 6 maxiumum. Completely equipped kitchen. You bring food, paper products, and linens only. For your enjoyment/convenience: Fireplace, microwave, dishwasher, icemaker, gas barbecue, television, video player, telephone, central vacuum, electric heat, large deck, private dock, garage, trash pickup. $700/week, $300/weekend, plus tax. NO PETS. Details/availability: C. Mathias, 21925 Durberry Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783. (301) 797-5013.

Mountain View 4

Lakefront townhouse looking across the lake to Wisp. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, jacuzzi, deck, patio, fireplace, game room, all kitchen amenities. Minutes from ski slopes, boat & jet ski rentals, and the toughest golf course in Maryland. Great restaurants and entertainment centers almost next door. New boat docks, large picnic area, and play area in back yard at edge of lake. Summer: $950/week. Winter: $750/week. Weekend and off season rates available. Contact: Cheryl Robinson, 17400 Ryefield Court, Dickerson, MD 20842. (301) 916-3077.

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Tazzi's #104

This contemporary home has all the personal touches. Enjoy the view of the lake from the open living and dining room. A spacious dining room table is perfect for accommodating a large family get-together. For those warmer days when you can dine outside, you will appreciate the luxury of the screened-in porch with deck access overlooking the lake. After an invigorating day on the ski slopes or boating on the lake, relax in the outdoor hot tub. Having a great vacation starts with the BEST LOCATION! Only 1 mile from WISP Ski & Golf Resort!

- 3 TV's w/cable
- 2 VCR's
- 2 Fireplaces
- Central Air
- Pool Table
- Jetted Tub
- Dock Slip
- Patio
- Gas Grill

#108 Northern Exposure

Spectacular spacious contemporary vacation home with stunning interior decor inspired by Christopher Lowell. Relax in leather chairs by a roaring fire after returning from the slopes, or relive the day of water sports on the decorated screened-in deck overlooking the lake. No amenities have been neglected, from the two jetted tubs to the option of watching TV privately or as a family. Only minutes from Wisp Golf and Ski Resort, its quiet cove location makes safe swimming possible. Time spent in this home fosters a togetherness often lost in the outside world. "Preferred Guest Discount Program" offered.

- 9 TV's w/cable
- 4 VCR's
- Stone Fireplace
- Dock Slip
- 2 Decks
- Gas Grill
- 3 Master Bedrooms
- 2 Jetted Tubs

The Aah! Chalet #202

Spectacular views of Deep Creek Lake are yours to enjoy in this new lakefront chalet. This lovely home offers an opportune place for a family retreat or a gathering of good friends. Relax on one of the adjoining decks while soaking up some sun or stroll down to the lakefront and enjoy the water. Ease your worries away in the outdoor hot tub under a star-lit sky! Conveniently located near restaurants, parks, skiing, shopping and other lake activities. This home lives up to it's name - come and enjoy "The Aah! Chalet".

- 7 TV's w/cable
- 4 VCR's
- Woodburner
- Hot Tub
- Central Air
- Wet bar
- Gas Grill
- Gas Fireplace
- Stereo/CD

#127 Rock Lodge

Relax and enjoy your long awaited vacation in this charming cottage. Enjoy the spectacular lake view from the living room and deck. After a day of hiking, skiing, biking, or boating, soak your worries away under the stars in the bubbling outdoor hot tub. Conveniently located just minutes from Wisp Ski and Golf Resort. The lake access area and dock slip are located within just a short walking distance from the home.

- 4 TV's w/cable
- 2 VCR's
- Woodburner
- Hot Tub
- Dock Slip
- Dogs OK
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- Gas Grill
- Stereo/CD

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Than Seasons...

#228A Saving Grace Main House

If you are looking for that special place for your next vacation, this is it! The tall trees give a hint of privacy to this lovely chalet , while you enjoy breathtaking views of the lake. The serenity of the setting encourages you to linger on the deck or in the bubbling outdoor hot tub. The solarium-style windows allow you to enjoy the outdoors no matter what the season. This beautiful home offers personal charm with all the amenities to make your vacation unforgettable. A charming one-bedroom guest cottage (#228) is located next to the main house for extra guests. Rent one or both!

- 2 TV's w/cable
- 2 VCR's
- Woodburner
- Ceiling Fans
- Hot Tub
- Gas Grill
- Dock Slip
- Decks
- Stereo/CD

Saving Grace #228

This charming lakefront get-away for two is nestled on a wooded lot overlooking Deep Creek Lake. Enjoy those romantic evenings star gazing and taking in the view of the water while dining on the deck. This delightful cottage is just what you've been looking for in lakefront living. Conveniently located near restaurants, shopping, and all other lake attractions. Escape with your sweetheart for that much deserved vacation. Sure to satisfy all your desires, Saving Grace offers a perfect setting to relax and experience the true essence of the mountains.

- TV w/cable
- VCR
- Stereo/CD
- Ceiling Fans
- Dock Slip
- Gas Grill
- Lawn Furniture

#215 Butch's Lake View

Location is the word for this chalet. Centrally located to all lake activities. Enjoy the breathtaking views of Deep Creek Lake from the deck. A grassy level lakefront for fun and games. Just minutes from Wisp Ski and Golf Resort. After a fun-filled day on the slopes or the lake, soak your cares away in the bubbling hot tub. Escape to the comforts of central air conditioning on those warm summer days or curl up by the fireplace on those wintery evenings. Enjoy the simple pleasures of life with those you care about most.

- 4 TV's w/cable
- VCR
- Central Air
- Ceiling Fans
- Dock Slip
- Charcoal Grill
- Hot Tub
- Deck

Mountainlake Villa

This newly constructed chalet is warm and inviting, nestled among the trees on a quiet cul-de-sac. Indulge yourself in this beautifully decorated home with such amenities as a native stone fireplace, a charming porch swing, and a relaxing hammock. Enjoy the peaceful private setting while being conveniently located to skiing, golfing, and all other lake activities. This home offers the perfect blend of a serene location and attention to detail that will create lasting vacation memories. You will want to come back again and again!

- 3 TV's w/cable
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Out Back Lodge

Chalet cottage with filtered view of lake located on Penn Point Road. 2 bedrooms, loft (sleeps 6). Living room with woodstove and boiler heat. One bath, complete kitchen, washer/dryer, covered deck, gas grill, patio furniture and shared dock. Includes microwave, CATV/VCR, and phone. Furnished, except linens. **NO PETS ALLOWED**. Open May thru September. Rates: June thru August $600/week (Saturday to Saturday **Only**). May and September $525/week; $275/ weekend. Contact Joanne Uhrin, 7303 Brenish Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 (301) 990-1699. E-mail: **JUhrin@aol.com**

Pine Oaks Lodge

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Railey Mtn. Lake Vacations

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The Retreat

Comfortably furnished lakeview A-frame with community beach and dock. Large yard, children's play equipment, picnic table, two decks, futon in family room, sleep sofa in living room, fully-equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths. Sleeps 10. Linens provided, along with CATV, video cassette player, games, books, canoe, raft. Four-season rental. Weekly-$350-$600; weekends-$200-$250. Sorry-NO SMOKING OR PETS. Contact: Mary/Martin Reisinger, 501 Yarmouth Rd., Towson, MD 21286 (410) 828-1470.

Schelling's Dwelling

3 bedroom, 2 bath chalet on Lake Shore Drive. Sleeps 12 maximum, 2 story stone fireplace, loft, 2 decks on large lot with dock. All modern appliances and outdoor charcoal grill. Finished basement with ping pong table. Great for skiers! No pets. $595/weekends. $1350/ week. Contact: Joan Schelling, 11467 Oakleaf Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901. (301) 593-4980.

Ski Cove 4

Spacious 2 Bedroom, 2-1/2 bath LAKEFRONT townhome. Sleeps 6. View slopes. 4-person hot tub and native stone fireplace in living room. Dining room, complete kitchen, CATV/VCR, stereo, phones, deck, patio, grill, porch furniture, dock and tennis court. Level park-like shore with picnic tables, sundecks and trees. Walk to shops & services. Winter/summer: Week $700. 2 nights $350. $100 each additional night. Lower rates spring/fall. NO PETS. Marcene Huebner, (301) 387-9593. rmhuebner@gcnetmail.net Photos and more information at http://skicove4.tripod.com (do not preface with www.)

Ski Cove 5

Romantic lakefront, 3 level townhouse, park like setting just minutes from Wisp Ski Resort and golf course. Large indoor Jacuzzi, fireplace, Satellite TV, VCR, fully equipped kitchen. Sleeps 6, 2-1/2 baths, washer/dryer. Tennis/basketball, boat docks, picnic tables, grill, swing set, sundecks. Includes all linens. Summer/Winter Week $713/$518, Weekend and midweek rates available. Week: Sunday – Sunday. Weekend: Friday – Sunday, additional day extra. NO PETS, NO SMOKING. **www.skicove5.com** OR call (703) 780-6495. 8325 Old Mt. Vernon Rd., Alex, VA 22309

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Twin Ponds

Charming cabin totally secluded, sleeps 8. Features one bath, washer/dryer, huge fireplace, hot tub, two ponds on property, 2 TV's, 2 VCR's, Nintendo 64, games and fun for everyone. Less than 1 mile from Wisp slopes and Deep Creek Lake. Rates for all four seasons: $250 for 3 days/2 nights and $500 for 6 days/5 nights. Once you stay you will be back again. Please call (301) 283-6040 for reservations.

Walnut Ridge Bed & Breakfast

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Waterside

Charming all season vacation home on large quiet wooded lakefront with gentle slope to private dock. Lovely lake view from picture windows in living and dining areas across large deck. Large native stone fireplace. Four bedrooms, sleeps eight. Two color cable TV's, VCR, washer/dryer, phone, picnic tables and grill. Full kitchen with microwave, dishwasher, coffeemaker. 12 minutes to Wisp ski slopes. Close to state park, shopping, horseback riding. Week $980/880/780, weekend $475/410/355. Contact: David Jones (410) 896-3667

Will O' The Wisp Prestige Condominiums

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#31 Winding Way, VOW

Mountainside end unit condo with lake views. Sleeps 10-12. Beautifully decorated, 4 levels and 4 decks with new hot tub. Hike in/hike out or ski in/ ski out. Full rec. room, kids bunk room with fooseball, TV/VCR/CD. Access to lakeside property w/dock & picnic area. Available all year. Weekly rates $725 - $1,223 and weekend rates $475 - $880. No Smoking & No Pets. Call Liz Montaner (410) 544-1959 E-mail: lizm@erols.com

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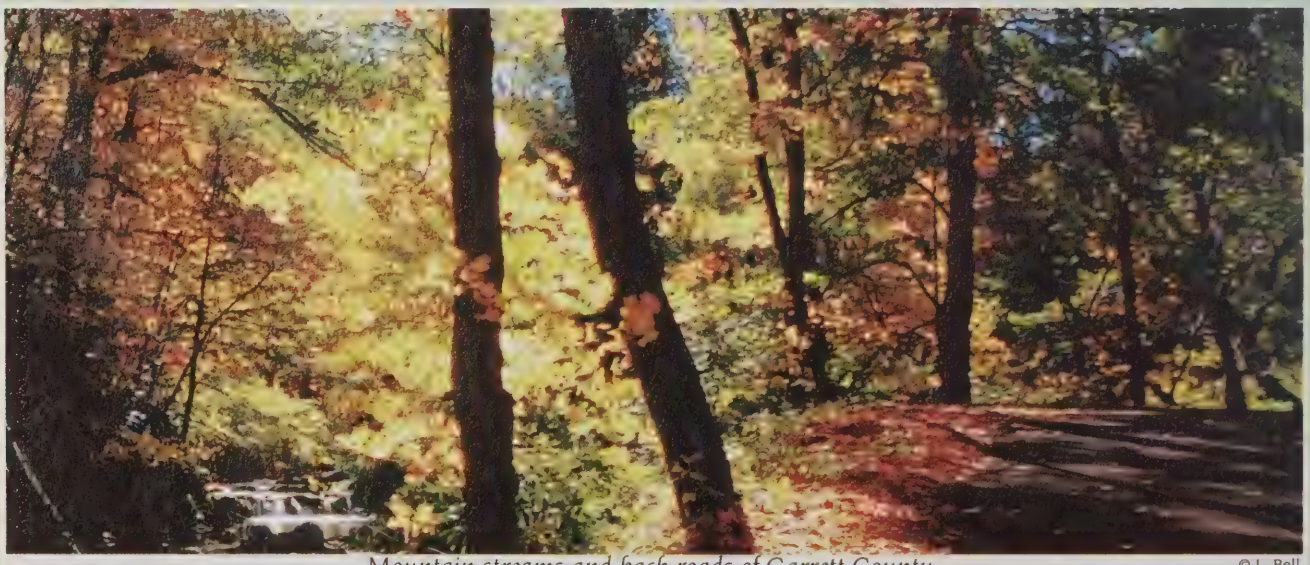

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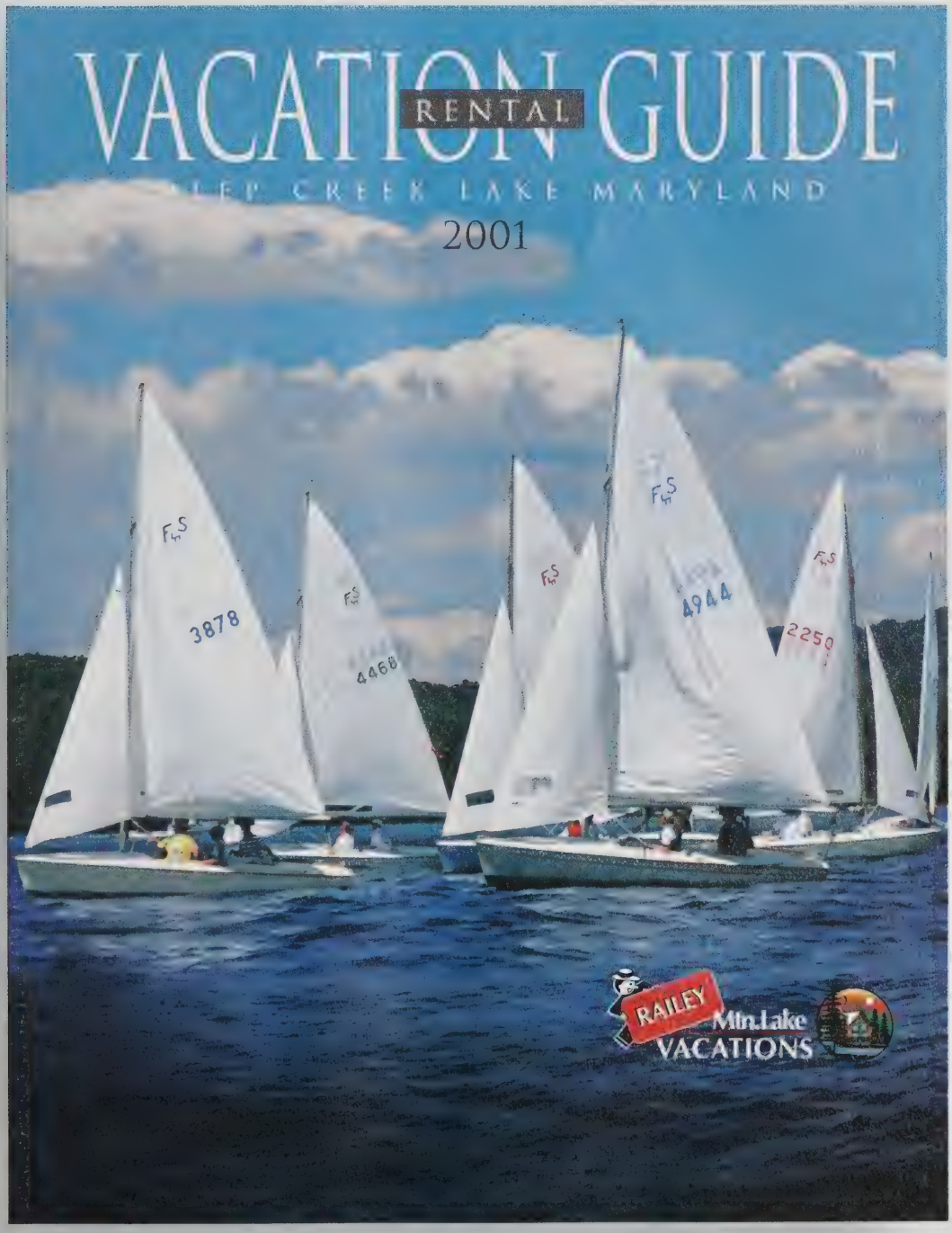

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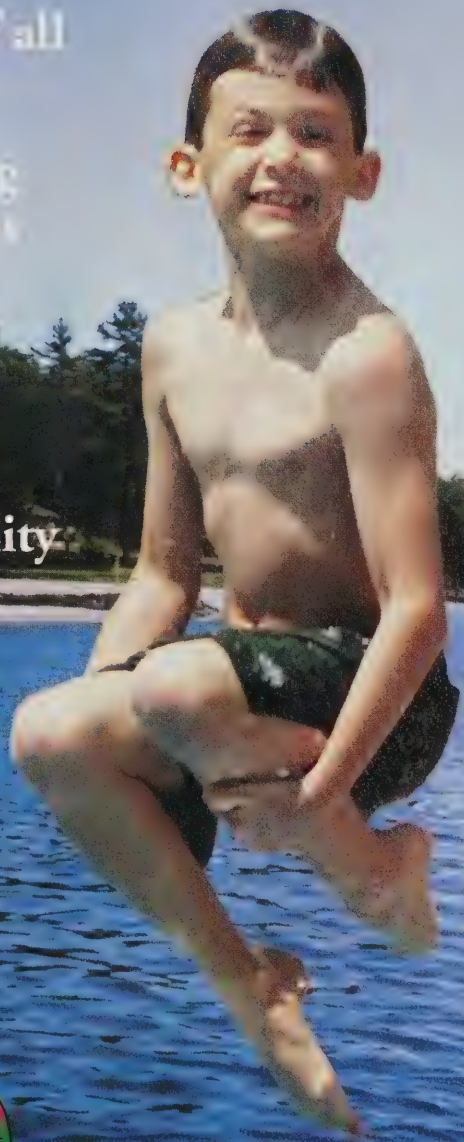

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Elegant beyond description! This superb villa is designed to be savored by those looking for the ultimate in a luxurious vacation home. Situated on a level lawn only 20 yards from the water with panoramic views, this magnificent home boasts such fineries as 5 master suites, gourmet kitchen, surround sound, 2-50 lb ice makers, fire pit and a family room with pool table, large screen TV and kitchenette.
BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 24

Absolute Delight

Superior in every way, Absolute Delight is an absolute dream! Newly constructed in the elite community of Alpine Shores, this spectacular 8-bedroom chalet reigns supreme. An unbelievable western exposure is yours to enjoy from the total comfort and beauty of oversized rooms filled with top quality furnishings. An excellent array of amenities await you, from the gorgeous stone fireplace to the spacious family room with pool table.
8 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 23

Memory Maker

The magnificence of this exquisitely decorated chalet is breathtaking! Awaken to the perfect blend of style and life's expected luxuries. Imagine three master suites each featuring oversized-jetted tub, king-sized bed, TV, gas fireplace, and private balcony with lake views! There is something for everyone—pool table, ping-pong, A/C, 2 kitchens, outdoor hot tub, pool/tennis access.
8 BEDROOMS, 5.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 24

Sunkissed Cove

Elegance and luxury are yours to enjoy in this wonderful lakefront chalet. This immaculate home is finished and furnished with care and quality. Exquisitely decorated, Sunkissed Cove is custom designed with five master suites and one bedroom and bath being wheel chair accessible. This stunning home also offers a gourmet kitchen, pool table, piano and basketball.
7 BEDROOMS, 7 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 22

Taylor Made

You'll find fun in every direction from this magnificent lakefront chalet! Walk to Wisp Ski & Golf Resort for year-round fun. Cathedral ceilings and a full wall of windows offer a spectacular view of the lake from the great room and game room. Additional amenities include an outdoor hot tub, two fire places, pool table, dock slip, A/C and tennis in development.
6 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 12

Waterfront Chateau

The discriminating guest will appreciate this luxurious lakefront home. Enjoy the cool mountain air from the screened porch overlooking the tranquil wooded setting. Custom designed, this incredible chalet offers 4 master suites each with an oversized jetted tub, fireplace and TV. The multitude of amenities include outdoor hot tub, sauna, pool table, A/C, pool/tennis access. 7 BEDROOMS, 6.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 20

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Lake Escape

Lake Escape is a beautiful blend of elegance and design. You'll be captivated from the moment you enter. Spectacular views from the large, spacious deck of this elegant well-appointed chalet will mesmerize you. Located on a quiet cove of the lake and offering a full array of amenities, Lake Escape is everything vacation dreams are made of.
6 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 14

Always in Season

Anytime is the perfect time to vacation at this striking mountain chalet! This brand new chalet is situated on a quiet dead end street perfect for carefree strolls. The beauty of the great room is enhanced by the dramatic wood ceilings, natural stone fireplace and warm and embracing décor. A romantic fire or relaxing hot tub session provides the perfect end to another day at paradise.
6 BEDROOMS, 5.5 BATHS
OCCUPANCY: 14

Odyssey's End

Unwind in style at the Odyssey, a spectacular new chalet boasting lofty cathedral ceilings and quality furnishings. Plan to spend a little time on your excellent lawn sunbathing or star gazing. Pamper yourself with all the extras offered at Odyssey including outdoor hot tub, pool table, A/C and pool/tennis access. You'll agree it's worth the journey!
6 BEDROOMS, 5.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 15

Mountain Haven

Located in Lake Pointe, this spectacular lakefront chalet is the ultimate in vacation destinations! The wide open view of Deep Creek Lake, coupled with a manicured level lawn makes time spent outdoors an absolute delight. Enjoy the "extras", which include air conditioning, pool table, ping-pong, fireplace, outdoor hot tub and walking distance to Wisp Ski & Golf Resort.
5 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 12

Ambiance

For an unbelievable vacation experience, Ambiance is the perfect choice. The prime location of this lakefront cedar chalet offers tremendous views which can be enjoyed from all levels. Enjoy the outdoors on the level lakefront or entertain yourself with the pool table or outdoor hot tub. Pets welcome.
5 BEDROOMS, 5.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 14

Winslow Lodge

Tucked away in the heart of luscious Thousand Acres, this beautifully built and well decorated chalet holds the promise of total relaxation and rejuvenation. With a private, level lakefront that provides a spectacular view, you will spend an entire day just watching the colorful sailboats skim by. When it is time to get away from it all, it is time for Winslow Lodge!
5 BEDROOMS 3.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 14

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Heron's Landing

This newly refurbished chalet boasts a vantage point from which to enjoy Mother Nature at her finest. Located upon a level wooded lot, Heron's Landing offers an inviting home with a tranquil setting. The wonderful chalet along with the volleyball court, pool table, and hot tub are only a few of the amenities which will provide memories of a wonderful relaxing vacation.
5 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 12

Already Hooked

The warmth and charm of this fabulous log chalet will hook you for sure. The embracing atmosphere of a mountain cabin is created by the tongue and groove walls set aglow by an evening fire and the delightful and well coordinated furnishings. The gentle slope of the wooded lakefront welcomes summertime fun but proximity to the ski slopes makes for winter excitement as well. You will fall hook, line and sinker for this vacation retreat.
5 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 14

Nautica

Set course for the perfect vacation with a visit to this lakefront chalet. Cleverly designed and decorated, Nautica offers a wonderful western exposure for incredible twilight colors. Special features include air conditioning, hot tub, cathedral ceilings, great room with stacked-stone fireplace, and access to indoor pool and outdoor tennis.
4 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 12

Dream Weaver

Vacation dreams come true at this exceptional chalet situated on a secluded cove. Step inside & enjoy the comfortable furnishings accented by cathedral ceilings, native stone fireplace, and huge bedrooms with lake views. Other amenities include spacious decks, pool table, and an outdoor hot tub. Pets are welcome!
4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 11

Marsh Hill Chalet

Marsh Hill Chalet is a perfect vacation spot for all seasons. Conveniently located within a minute drive to skiing and golf at the Wisp Resort, this home offers a wooded lakefront with a private dock. Cathedral ceilings, open beams and stone fireplace create the atmosphere of a mountain retreat. Relax on the large wrap-around deck and capture the serenity of the early morn.
4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 10

Morning Breeze

A cottage with a single goal—to provide you with a fabulous lakefront getaway! With its oversized shaded lawn and private dock, summer fun is easy. This home has a newly-renovated interior with family room and pool table. Morning Breeze invites you to come join the fun! Pets are welcome!
4 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 10

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Harbor View

This popular contemporary home is nestled in a wooded setting on a level lakefront. Atmosphere abounds in the cozy sunken living room with stone fireplace and hardwood floors. The oversized-jetted tub and the new outdoor hot tub on the expanded deck create the ambiance for that romantic getaway. Pets are welcome!
3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 8

Dacha Dreams

Nestled serenely by nature's woodlands, this warm and inviting chalet will capture your heart with its enchanting interior filled with furnishings both lovely and comfortable. Stress disappears the instant you step onto the deck and survey the beauty that surrounds you. A magical vacation is a sure bet at wonderful Dacha Dreams.
3 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS,
OCCUPANCY: 9

Couldn't Resist

Relax in style and comfort at this beautiful chalet. Regardless of season, fun is nearby—within 50 yards of the lakefront and dock and just a short walk to the golf & ski resort. Life is wonderful whether relaxing by the glow of the fireplace or lolling in the outdoor hot tub. Couldn't Resist also boasts air conditioning and tennis in the development.
3 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS, OCCUPANCY: 9

Cyndi's Dream

Satisfy all your vacation desires at this adorable lakefront home. Cyndi's Dream has all the requirements for the perfect romantic getaway for two or the fun-filled excursion for the small family. Your incredible level lawn is ideal for a lazy day of outdoor fun or sunbathing, and the premier location near the ski slopes is perfect for a winter getaway.
2 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH,
OCCUPANCY: 6

Tennis Heaven

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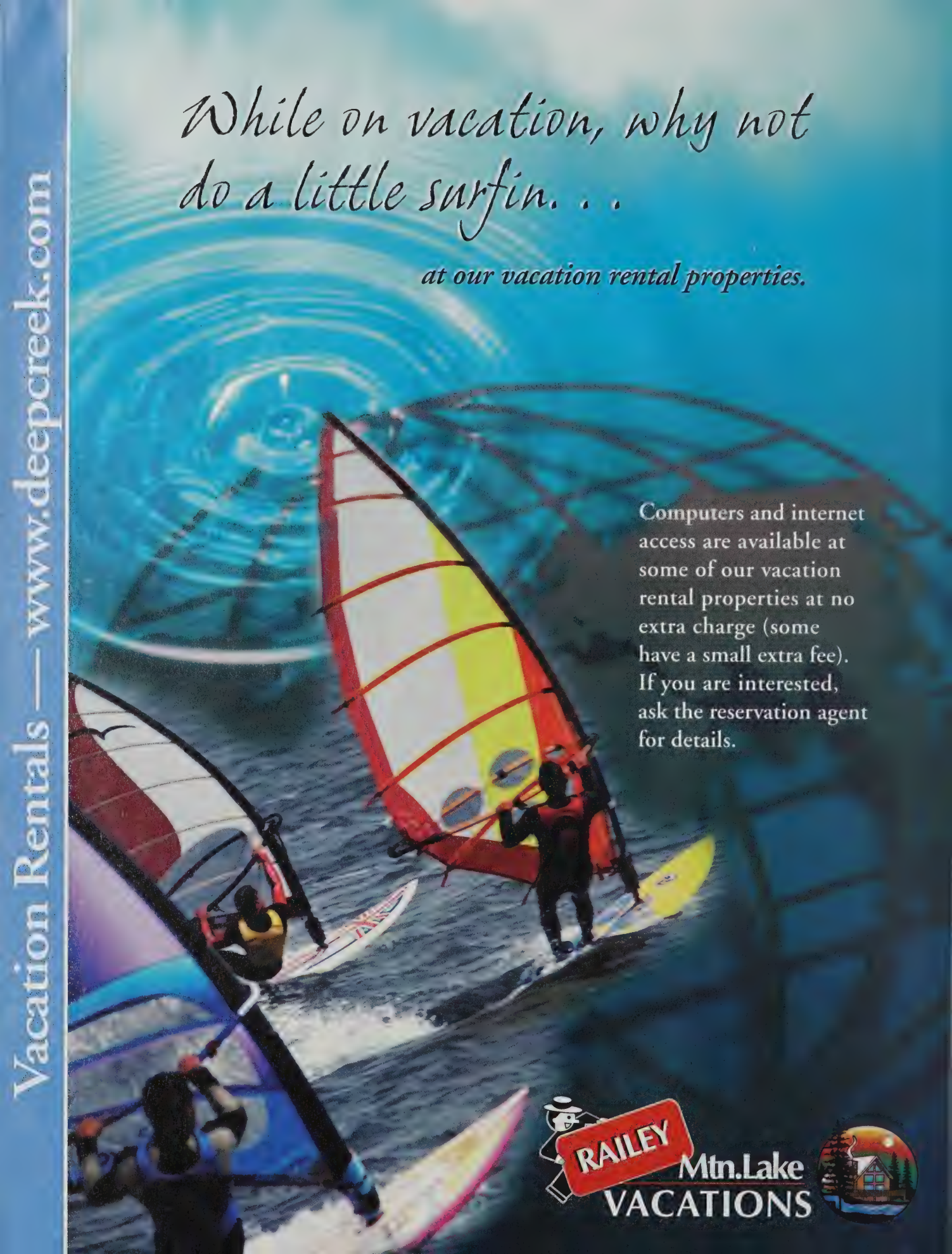
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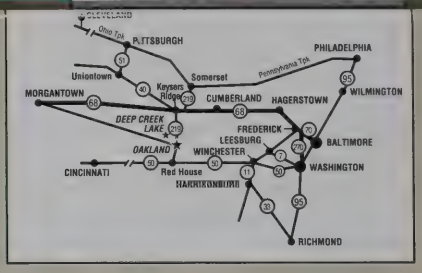
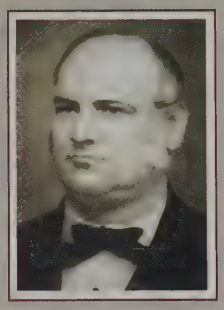




In 1872, faced with the task of naming the state's newest county, Richard T. Browning considered many names. The logical choice seemed to be Glade County, appropriate for the location and geography of the region. But Browning chose to recognize the accomplishments of John Work Garrett whose tireless efforts led to the development of tourism in Western Maryland.

Local Personality: John W. Garrett

"...a large population from the South, East and West will probably select this singularly picturesque and attractive region for summer resort..."

John Work Garrett, 1860

Born in Baltimore, Garrett was a stockholder in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. During the 1850's when the railroad experienced financial difficulties, Garrett prepared a thorough report on the line's finances for a subcommittee that he chaired. So impressive was the report, that Garrett was elected President of the railroad in 1858.

An intelligent and astute businessman, Garrett supported the Union during the Civil War and calculated the defeat of the Confederacy. Garrett was often able to give the government the first warning of hostile movement and was honored by President Lincoln for his efforts. Garrett's motivation, however, was not born out of patriotism; his loyalty and relationship with the government saved his railroad from seizure.

After the war, Garrett secured direct rail routes to Pittsburgh, Chicago and an independent line into New York. The B&O catered to the needs of its passengers, building dining and sleeping cars, and large hotels in the Alleghenies. In Western Maryland, the railroad not only provided convenient transportation for farm, forest and mine products, but through the efforts of John Garrett, the new county began to be viewed as a summer resort.

Garrett's plan to bring railroad customers to the western reaches of Maryland was delayed until the end of the Civil War. In 1873, construction on the Deer Park Hotel was finally completed. The four story resort included a golf course, stable and carriage house, laundry building, servants' quarters, icehouse, chapel, recreational building for billiards and bowling, and a large glass-covered bath house containing two swimming pools (one for men and one for women) as well as Turkish and Russian baths.

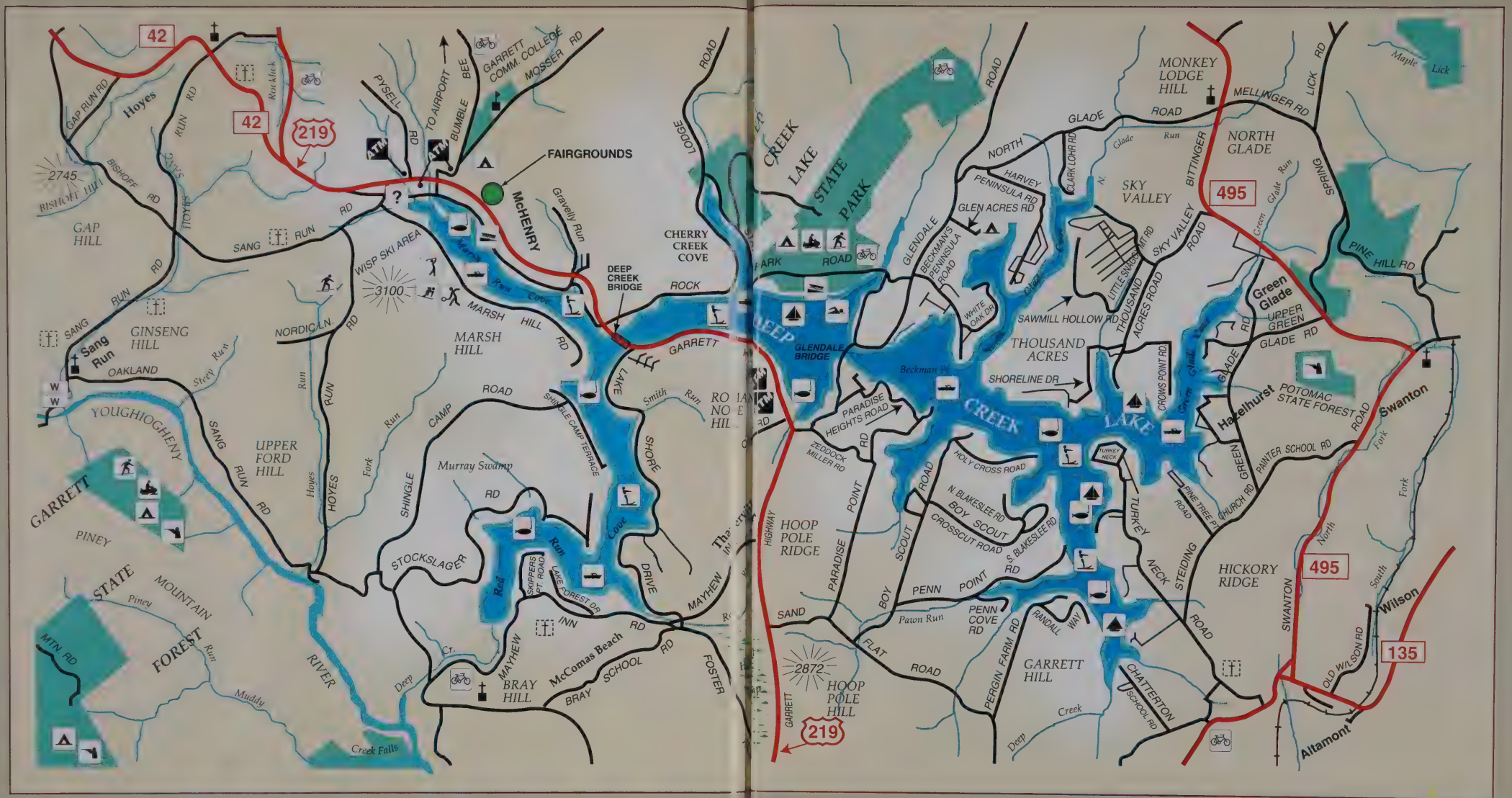
The Deer Park Hotel quickly became a popular vacation spot, and in 1882, East and West annexes were built to double the capacity of the main building. The new construction allowed for a ballroom, used for weekly dances and conventions. Advertisements for the new resort boasted, "Every modern convenience, 2800 feet above sea level. Absolutely free from malaria, hay fever and mosquitoes. On the main line of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad."

With the immediate success of the Deer Park, Garrett seized the opportunity to create yet another resort in the county. In 1876 the Oakland Hotel opened along the tracks of the B&O railroad. The resort was three stories high with long porches and large parlors and featured a large ballroom, accommodations for over a hundred guests and a large park.

In 1868, John Garrett erected the stone Garrett Memorial Church in Oakland in memory of his brother Henry S. Garrett. It is also reported that five of the county's ten post offices were opened during the time John Garrett was developing the hotel trade.

Garrett's descendants continued to develop the tourism industry in Garrett County after John Work's death. In 1906, the Garrett family donated nearly two thousand acres of forest land in the Swallow Falls area to the state of Maryland. The donation carried a stipulation that a new department be created to manage and administer the holding. In accordance with the family's request, the General Assembly established the state's first Board of Forestry in 1906. The Garrett gift formed the beginning of the seven thousand acre Swallow Falls State Forest.

For more information on John Work Garrett or county history, contact the Garrett County Historical Society or visit any branch of the Garrett County Public Library.



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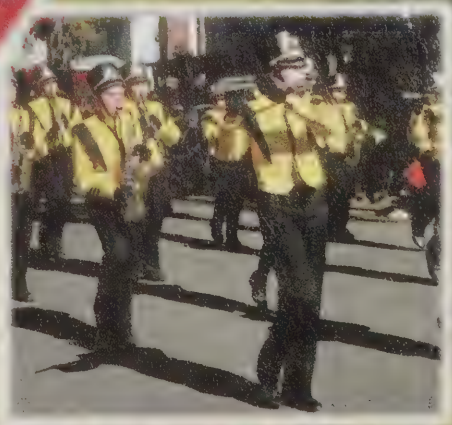

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